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Always...

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ン
ZETK
ZATK
ZATK

He
blended
into a
crowd.

He was
always
watching
me.

This
makes
three
victims.



keep on
happening?

How
much
longer
will
these
"Vampire
Murders"

Line 1
Dark Side





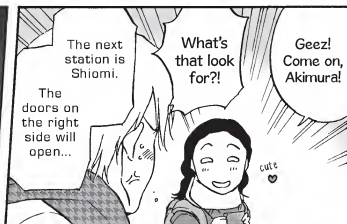
No need
to expose
Tsukasa to
that stuff!



Hey,
what
do you
think,
Tsukasa?
About
the truth
behind
the
vampire
murders!

*We were in a
lot of classes
together when
we started
college,*

*so naturally,
we became
friends.*



The next
station is
Shiomi.

The
doors on
the right
side will
open...

What's
that look
for?!

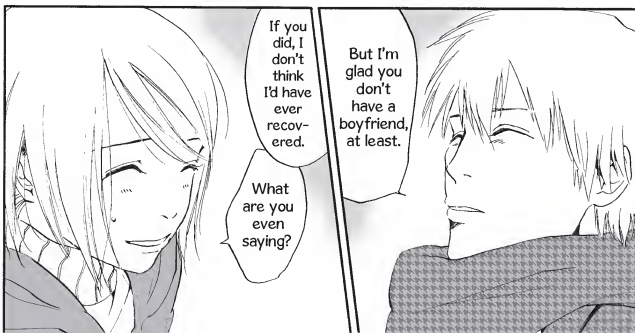
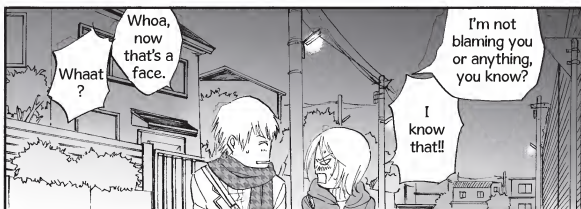
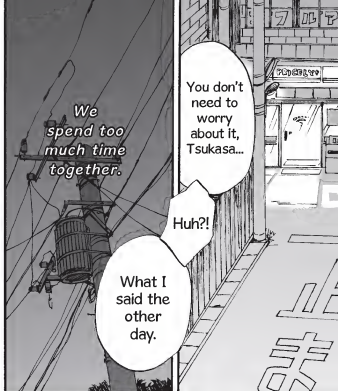
Geez!
Come on,
Akimura!

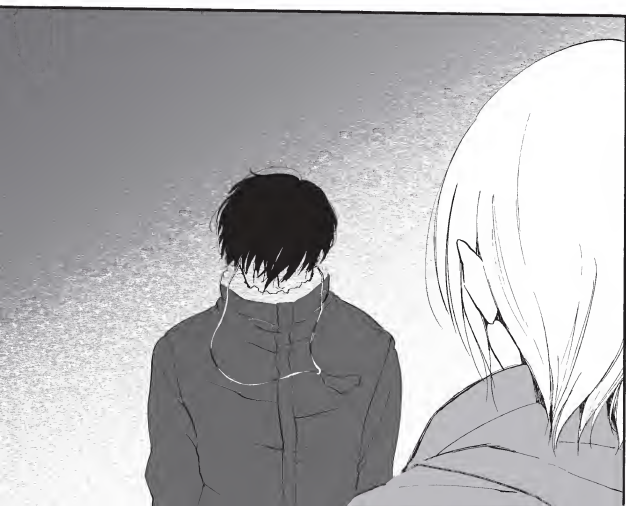
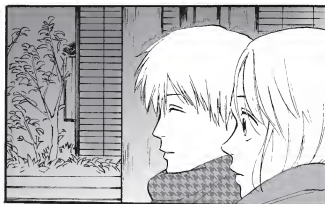
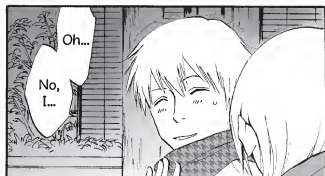
Cute
♡

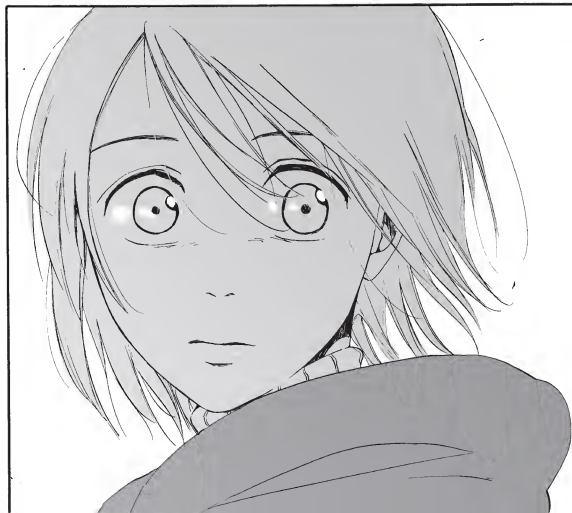


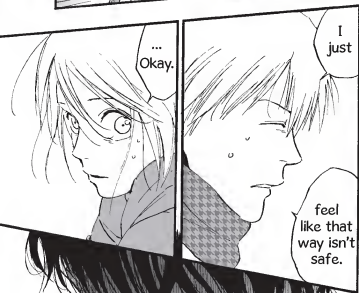
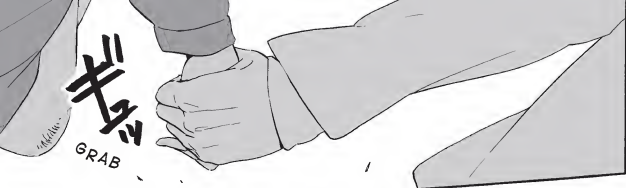
I will,
geez...

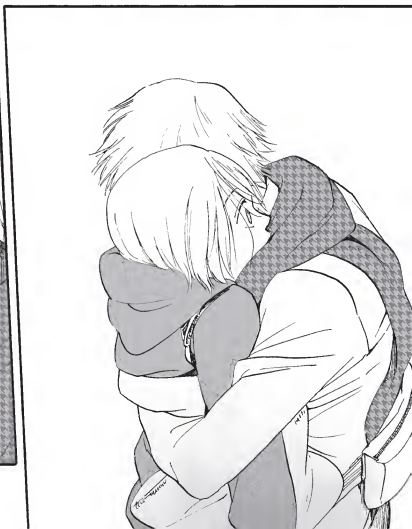
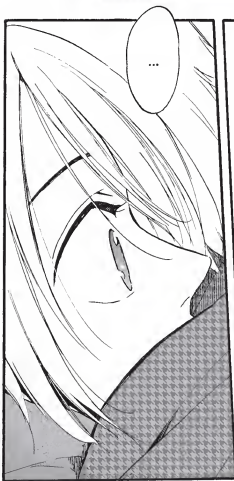
Tsukasa's
place
is far
from the
station.
Make
sure you
walk
her all
the way
home!

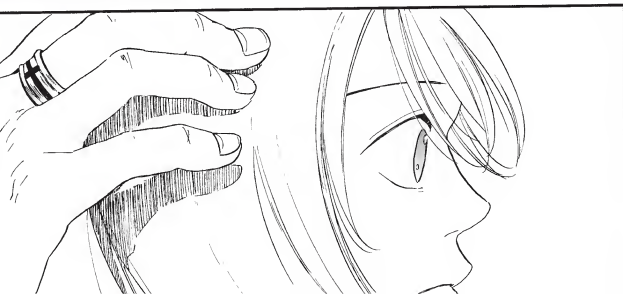
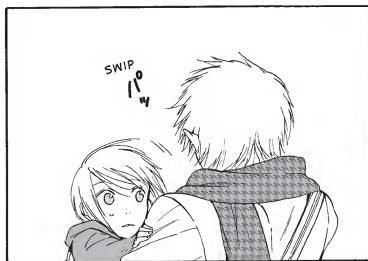













Hey,
vampire.





Huh?



Is a guy's
blood not
enough
for you?

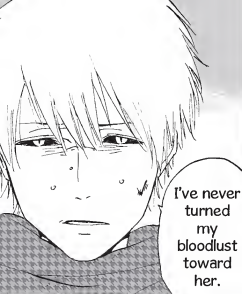


P-R-D



I'm not
interested
in drinking
her blood
...

Leave
us
alone.



I've never
turned
my
bloodlust
toward
her.



See?
Now you
freaked
her out.

I don't
know who
you are,
but there's
no need to
worry.



Right...
The
bloodlust

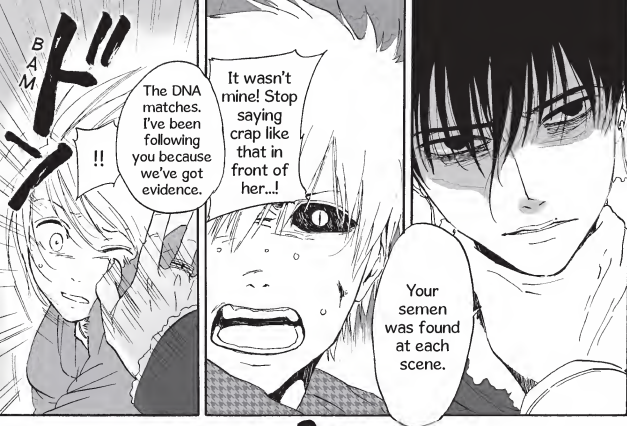


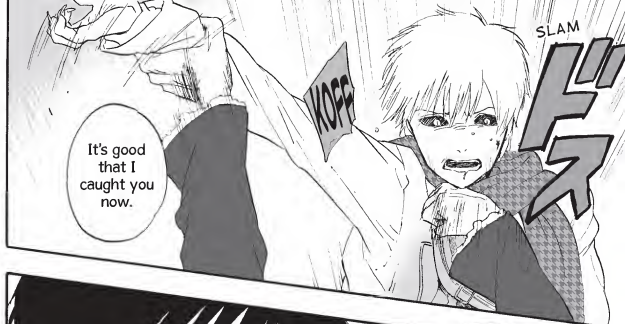
that just
randomly
reacted to
those three
women you
killed.



GRAB

That
wasn't
me...





It's good
that I
caught you
now.

SLAM

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ス



end up
trapped in
that pleasure,
the fits
repeating
over and
over.

You
vampires
that
rape and
murder



You'd end
up doing the
same thing to
this girl soon
enough.





why'd I
have to
kill some
other
girl?

It really
is weird.
To save
Tsukasa,

Well, all
human
lives are
equal,

Or should
I have
killed
Tsukasa
to save
the other
girls?

but
not all
humans
are
equally
important.

You can't
protect
everyone!

Or maybe
I should've
been the
one to
die...





I'm
sorry...

I
didn't
realize
...



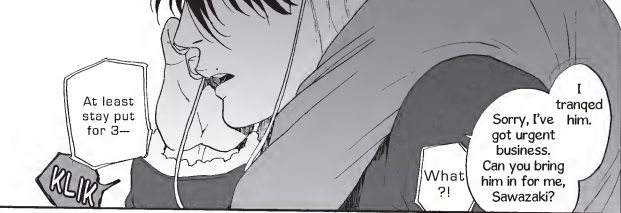
*He
blends
into a
crowd...*

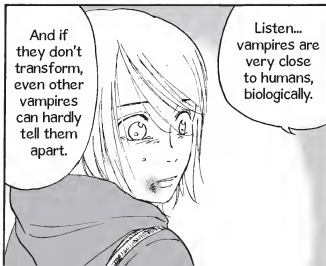
Sawazaki,
F Squad.
Patrolling
nearby. ETA:
3 minutes!

*He was
always...*

Subject A
has been
secured in
Shiomi 2-16.

This is
Anzai
from F
Squad.

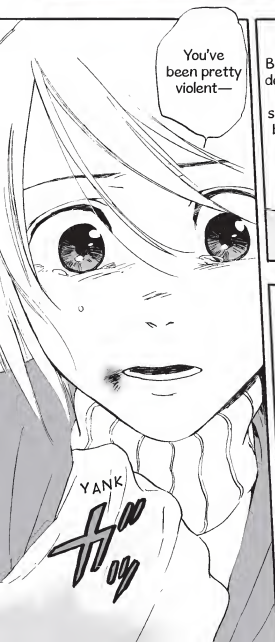






But out of humanity and instinct, vampires constantly grapple with the terror of losing themselves the instant they see human blood.

So if he was careful about hiding it, it's no wonder you didn't notice.



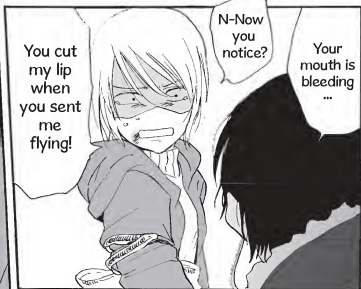
You've been pretty violent—



But really, devils and people shouldn't be with each other—



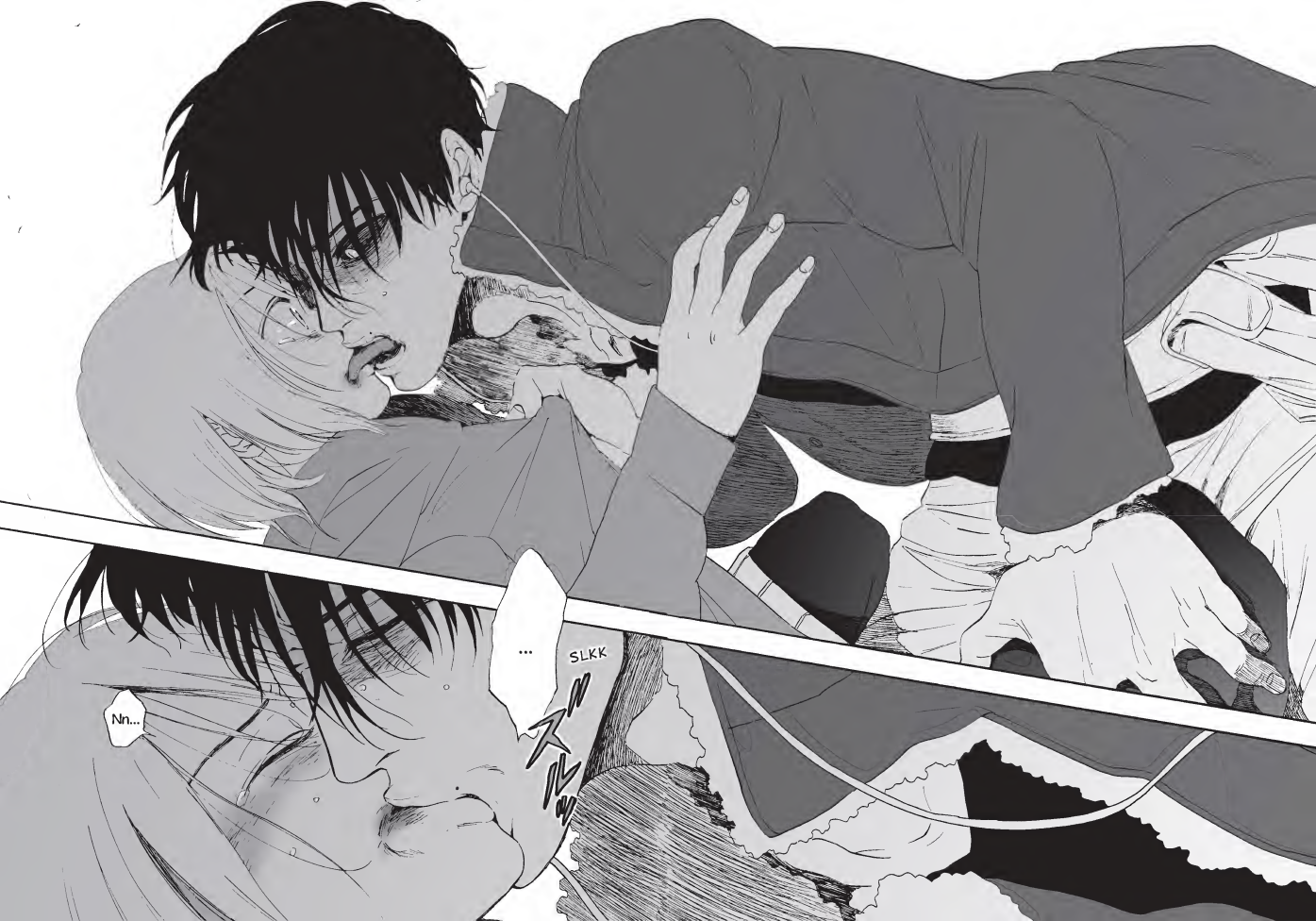
I'm sure he really did like you.



You cut my lip when you sent me flying!

N-Now you notice?

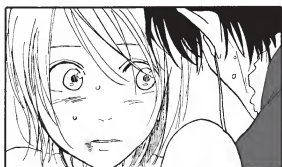
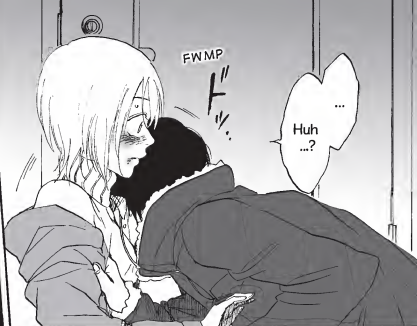
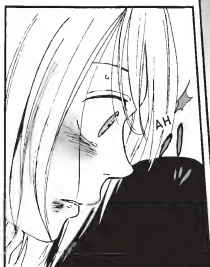
Your mouth is bleeding ...

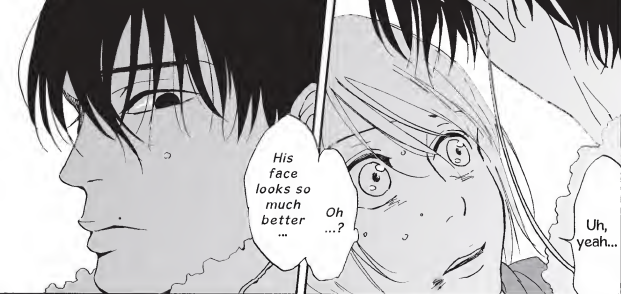


...

SLKK

Nn...

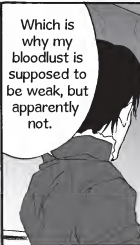








All
of your
friend's
patience
was nearly
for naught.



Which
is why
my
bloodlust
is
supposed
to be
weak, but
apparently
not.

...

Half...



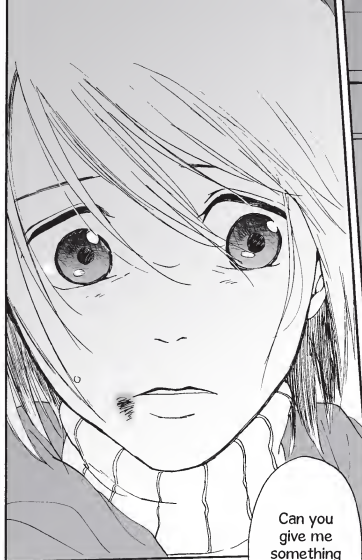
Huh
...?

Well,
cheer
up.

SHFF
#



Guys
are
a dime
a dozen.



Can you
give me
something
stronger
this time?

And I
want to
restock on
tranquilizers
...

Take
anything too
strong and
you'll get
addicted.
Tranqs aren't
the best thing
for you to
begin with.



BAM





You'll forget the taste of blood soon enough. You're not pureblood, after all.

Ha ha! You worry too much.

Go to hell.

At any rate, congrats on popping your blood-sucking cherry.



Whether someone turns into a monster or not depends entirely on them.

That's true for both humans and devils.



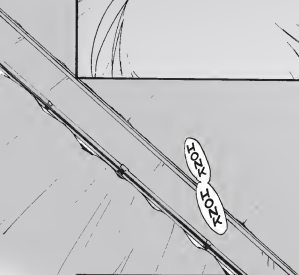
Keep an eye out for now. Deal with it later.

This urge makes me sick.



I wanted to do it while drinking her blood.

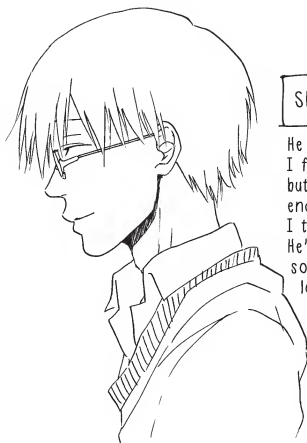
Don't curse your lot, Anzai.



Be well...


Akimura.





Shouta Akimura

He wore glasses when I first thought him up, but at some point, he ended up losing the glasses. I think he's nearsighted. He's in love with Tsukasa, so maybe he wanted to look more attractive and decided to wear contacts instead.



disappear when you lick my blood. The bags under your eyes

Huh?
They do?



Ah.

I slipped
my tongue
in again.



Then I'll
have to
make
you
bleed
more
for me.

What...



If you
get
hurt

and
bleed...

I'll come
lick it
off for
you.



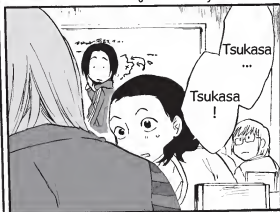
Line 2

Safe House





Kageo University



*It's been 1
month since
Akimura
disappeared
from school.*

*Officially,
they say
he went to
Canada on
exchange.*

Can
you
read
the 3rd
para-
graph?

Stay
in
your
seat.

!!

Page
136.

*I haven't
seen any
sign of
"Anzai"
since then,
either...*

*Is it because
he's a
vampire that
his arrest
wasn't on
the news?*

*I kind of
feel like
the whole
thing was
a dream.*

Oh! No,
not like that!
I meant you're
his pet student!
Don't over-
think it!!

Mr.
Ochiai!
33 years
old
2 kids

What do you
mean, h-he
loves me?!
Mr. Ochiai's
married...

Ochiai
usually never
calls on you!
He totally
loves you,
too.

What if
it was
all in my
head?

Like with
Akimura.
Such a
waste!

You
get so
scared
when
people
like
you.

What's
that
supposed
to mean...

Scared
...?



It's
totally
not love,
right?

Akimura
...

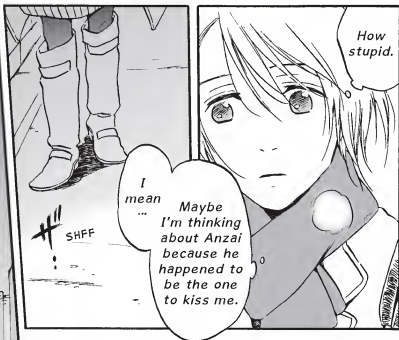
Honestly,
that was
basically
my first
kiss.

I mean,
have I ever
really liked
anyone
before?



How
stupid.

I
mean
...
Maybe
I'm thinking
about Anzai
because he
happened to
be the one
to kiss me.





She always stops at the place where we secured Akimura...

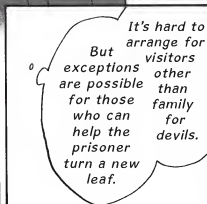


Sawazaki here. No confirmation on Target T.

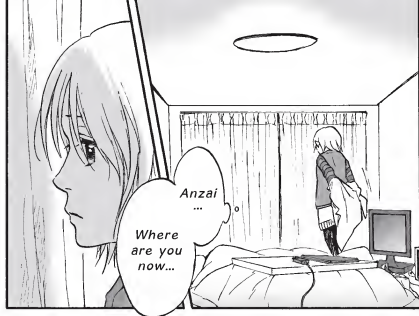
If she wants to see him again...

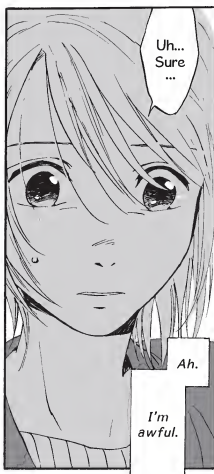


Anzai here. Still searching.



It's hard to arrange for visitors other than family for devils. But exceptions are possible for those who can help the prisoner turn a new leaf.





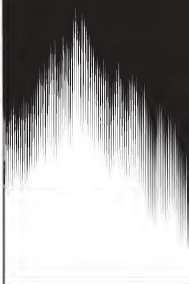
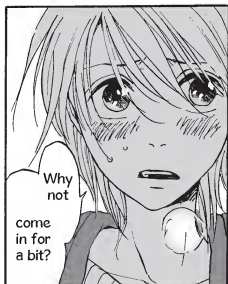




H...

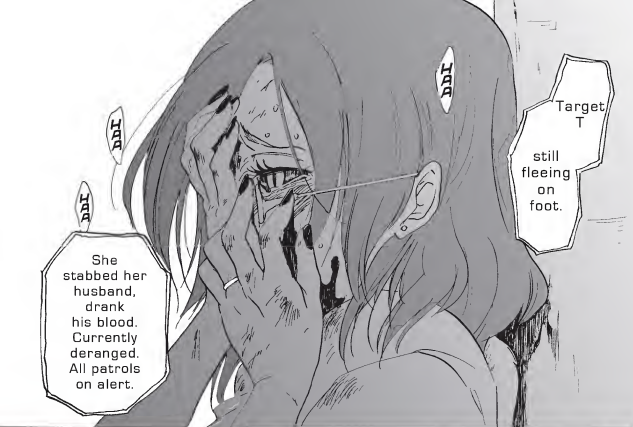
He...

He
smiled...!



SNAP

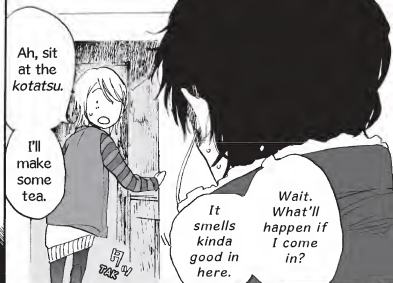






Ah, sit
at the
kotatsu.

I'll
make
some
tea.



Wait.
What'll
happen if
I come
in?

It
smells
kinda
good in
here.

Why did I
even come
see this girl
in the first
place?



What
are you
thinking.

Officer
Anzai?



Forget
the taste
of blood
already.
Pathetic.

Why have
I been
watching
her this
whole
month...



Why did
I bother
bringing
up a
visitation
with
Akimura?







Yuuki!
Behind
you!!



A-Are
you
okay?

Ah!
He's
crying!



...

C-Cut
it out...

You never
learn to
not turn
around.
Too much
fun!

CACKLE
かっかっか



Gotcha
aaaa
!

SPLAT



Sawazaki
here.



Huh
?

Sure
...

I-It's nothing!
Can I make a
snowman
with you?!

Ha!
I knew
it.
Yuuko,
you really
like
Juki—

MGFF!

JERK



Target T
spotted.

She's
heading to the
roof of
the
Sanyo
building.



I'm
close.
Be there
soon.



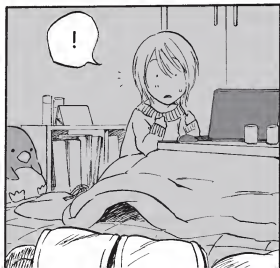
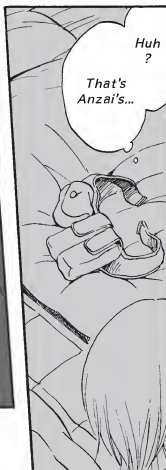
Anzai!

I was
asleep
...?



I'm here.
Roger.
The Sanyo
building in
Shiomi?





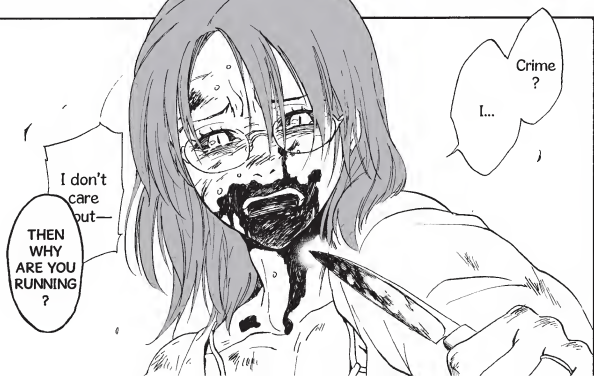
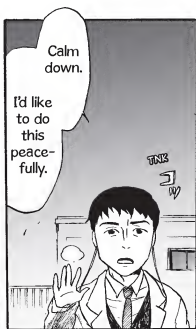
*Yuuko
Tamaru.*

*She
was a
quiet,
kind
"devil."*

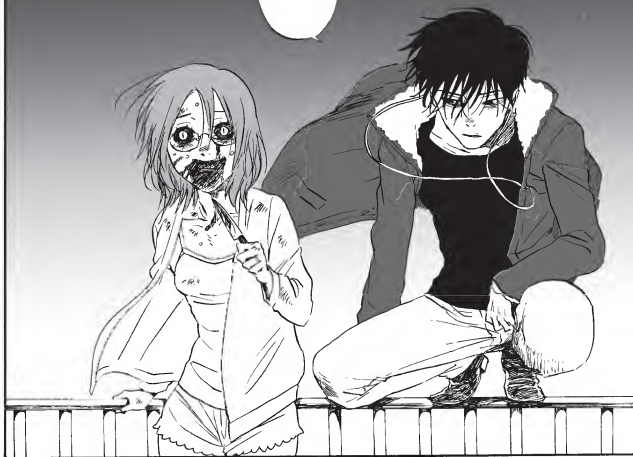
*Even
though no
matter
how kind
you are,
you're
still a
"devil"?*

*Did she
marry a
human
because
she
was so
gentle?*



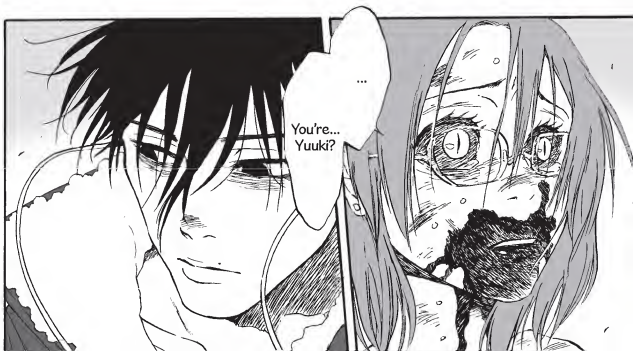


YUUKO.



...

You're...
Yuuki?





Right now,

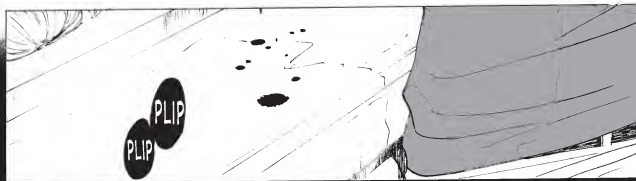
Well, he might be in trouble without it...

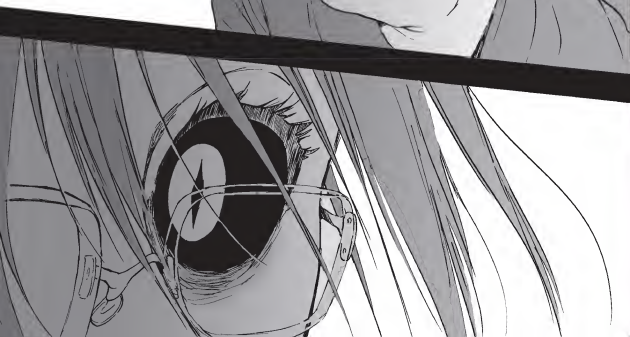
I brought it.



is there someone you'd do anything to protect?









I had
already
stabbed him
and was
frantically
drinking his
blood.

By the
time I
snapped
out of
it,

I was always
so careful!
To keep from
hurting him!!



I should have
known that
getting
married and
living together
was impossible
from the
start—

*That
much is
obvious.*



He cuts
his finger
and holds
it out for
you to
lick?

What
part of
that was
"careful?"


What
...

*You
said you
wanted
to protect
him at all
costs,*

*but you
were just
afraid
he'd hate
you.*

You never
told your
husband how
terrifying
devils are,
did you?

...!



But
devils and
people are
basically
the same.
So...

I don't
handle
blood
well.

I get it,
I get it.
Quit it
already.



It's
different
now from
when we
were kids.

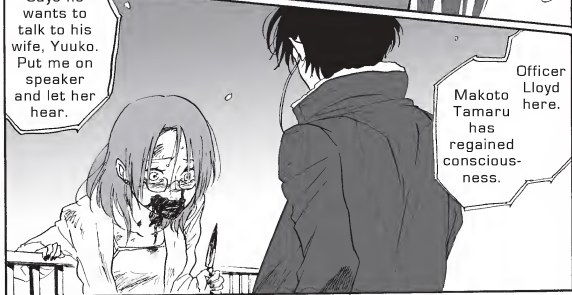
You
have to tell
people the
important
part.



Says he
wants to
talk to his
wife, Yuuko.
Put me on
speaker
and let her
hear.

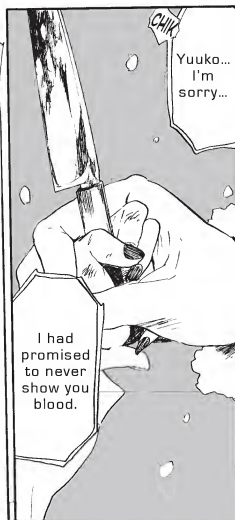
Officer
Lloyd
here.

Makoto
Tamaru
has
regained
conscious-
ness.



I just
suddenly
thought
it'd make
you happy.

I'm
really
an idiot,
huh...



Yuuko...
I'm
sorry...

I had
promised
to never
show you
blood.



I won't
make
you go
through
that
again.

I'll...
I'll be
more
careful.

Yuuko,
please.
Please
come
home.

After fleeing for 5 hours,
the target, suspected of
assault, was apprehended
on the roof of the Shiomi Sanyo
building by Squad F.

Dec. 3, 23:35 Yuuko Tamaru

Well
...

Present on the scene:
Senior Officer Sawazaki,
Officer Anzai.

Why did
I lecture
her like
that? It's
not like
me.

Just 'cause
she has a
kotatsu,
my body
brought
me here...?
No, that's
absurd.

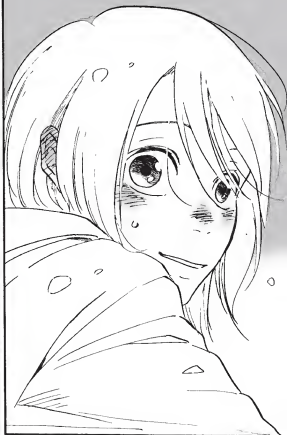
So...

why did
I come
right back
here?

Cold...

KA
CHAK

CLOSE









I think a kotatsu is a necessity.

I only own the bare minimum I need to survive.

Do you have a kotatsu?

You seem like you're always cold, Anzai.

The hell am I saying ...?

Actually, I'll warm up a bit first...

Oh! Sure! Go ahead!



Get the blanket up around you properly.

...Ah, again...



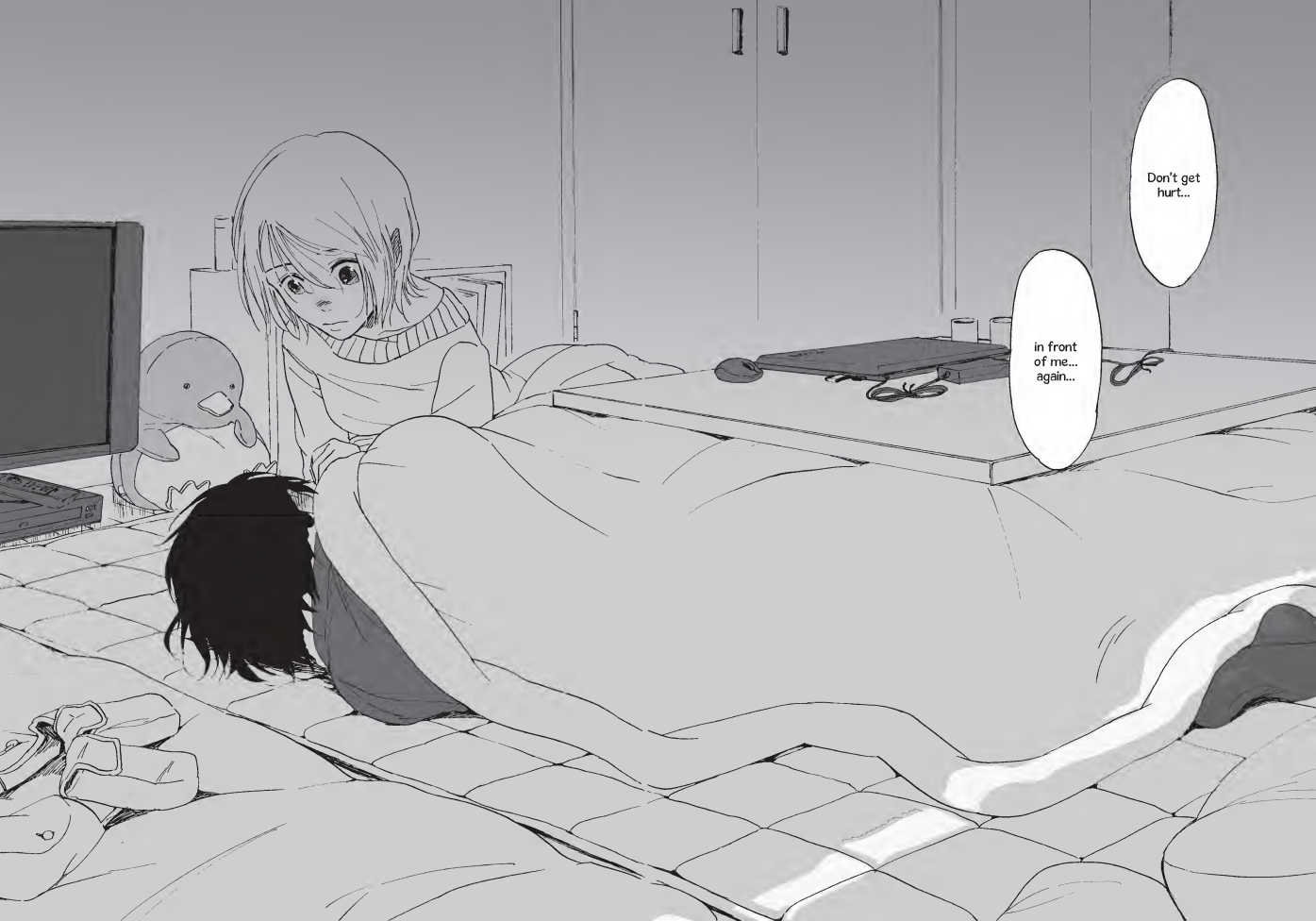
TH-THAT'S LOW!! ARE YOU OKAY?!

Ah, well, my body temp is usually around 80°F.



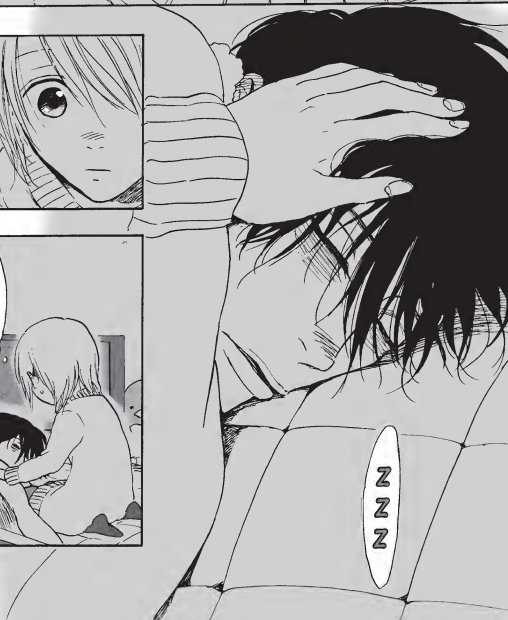
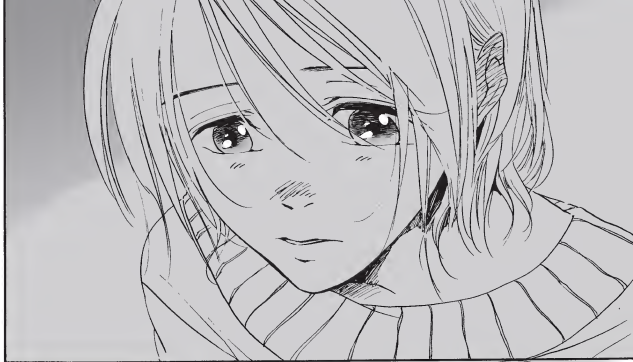
Oh, no. I'll get sleepy. Why am I even...

So warm.



in front
of me...
again...

Don't get
hurt...

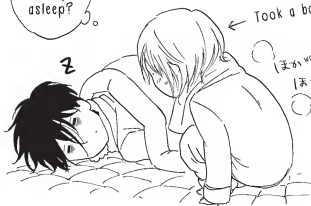


Later

Is he
really
asleep?

← Took a bath.

ほか warm
あか warm



Is he
possibly
staying the
night?!

This is a
pretty
long nap!

ドキドキドキ
BADUM BADUM BADUM



Whooooo?

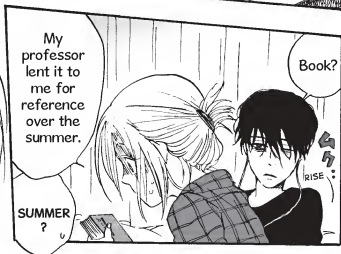
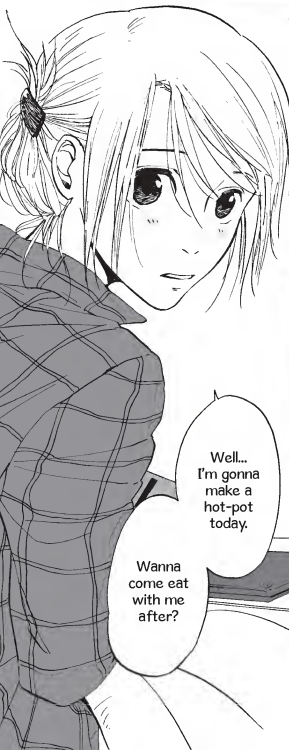
Sorry
I'll go
home

Aaah,
I fell
asleep...

RISE









Line 3

Merry Christmas

What university are you at again?

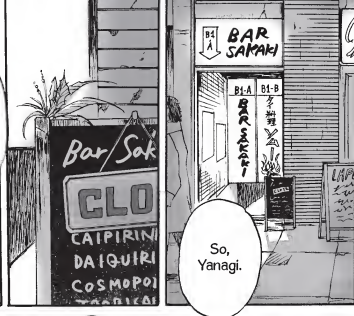
The meeting will be over fast. I'll join you.

If there's an ingredient you want, I'll buy it.

I'll stop by the supermarket on the way home from class.



Yeah.



So,
Yanagi.



Hmm.
Seems
a bit
late for
that.

reproductive
activities
between a
vampire
and a
human
are legal.


If both
parties
agree
and a
doctor is
present,

Red-Eyed
Race
Principles,
Article
113.



But is
that
really
okay?






I don't
really get
what the
higher-ups
are going
for.



Take that
devil-human
couple.

They
even wrote a
prenup saying
they wouldn't
have sex, and
look how that
turned out.



Telling
them
not to do
it is
pointless.

But there
are more
than a
few
human-
devil
couples.

Adrenaline
makes the
devils
transform...
So sex is a
no-go.

I am a doctor
and there's no
way I'll watch
other people
have sex.

SSK
↑

I don't care if
it is a doctor,
I couldn't do it
with someone
watching.

What a
turn-off.

So now it's,
"screw under
supervision so if
you transform
they can
intervene"?

But
someone's
gotta tranq
the devil
if they
transform...

BAM

Didn't you
just say
you couldn't
do it with
someone
watching?

And
are you
two dating?

OH,
YOU! OF
COURSE
WE ARE!
☆

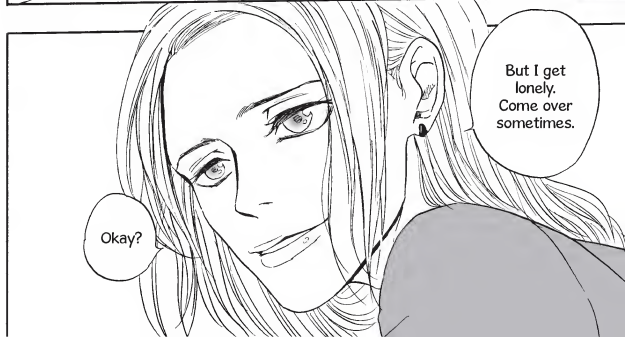
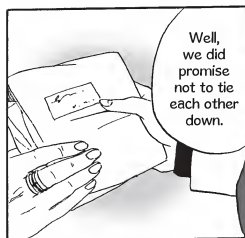
I get hot
for Yuuki's
human blood
sometimes...

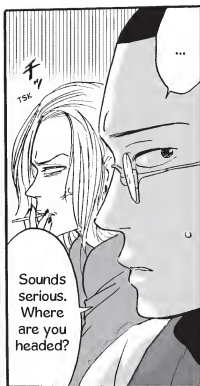
How about
you practice
shooting
when Yuuki
and I do
it?!

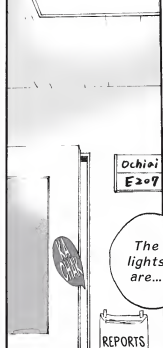
OF
COURSE
WE ARE ☆
not.
You can't
decide that
on your
own.

カラン
カラン

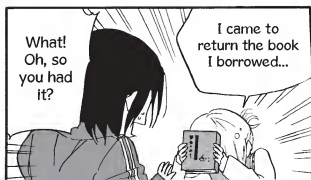
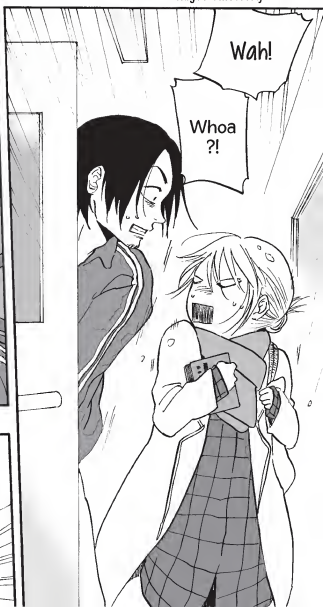
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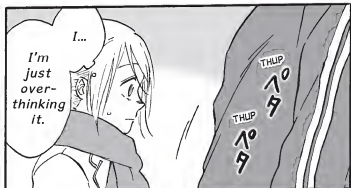
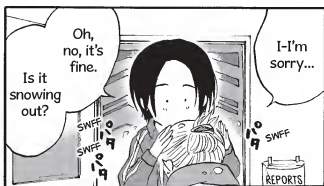


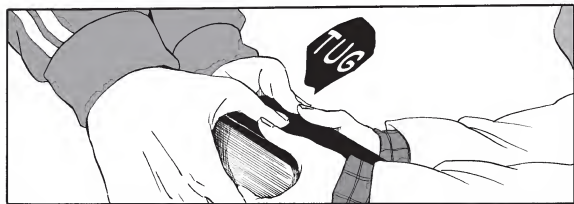
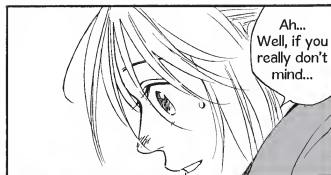




Kageo University

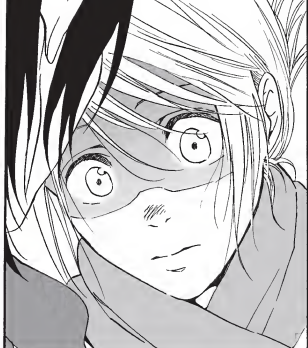
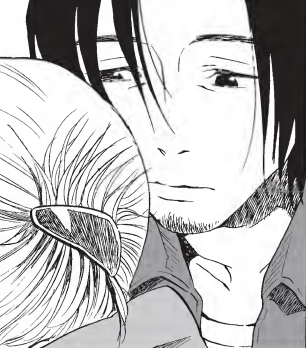






KISS





*She
still
hasn't
come
out.*

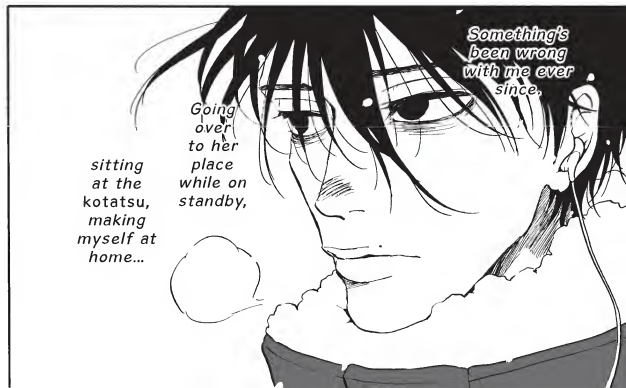
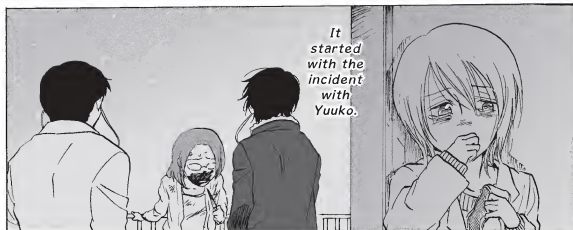
*But I
should wait
by the
front gate,
right...?*

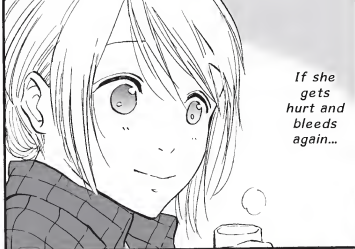
*No
resis-
tance
or
rejec-
tion.*





This isn't normal for me.





If she
gets
hurt and
bleeds
again...



I'm
half-
devil.
Isn't
she
afraid?

And
why
does
she
let me
in?

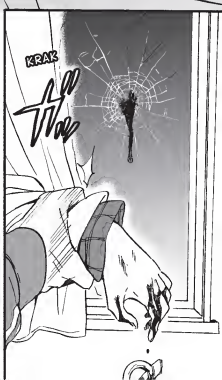


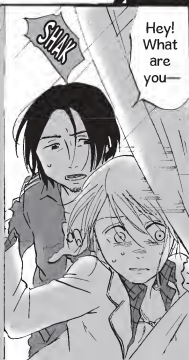
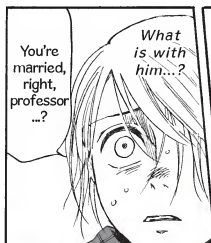
Why am
I remem-
bering
that?
Forget
it
already.
Shit!



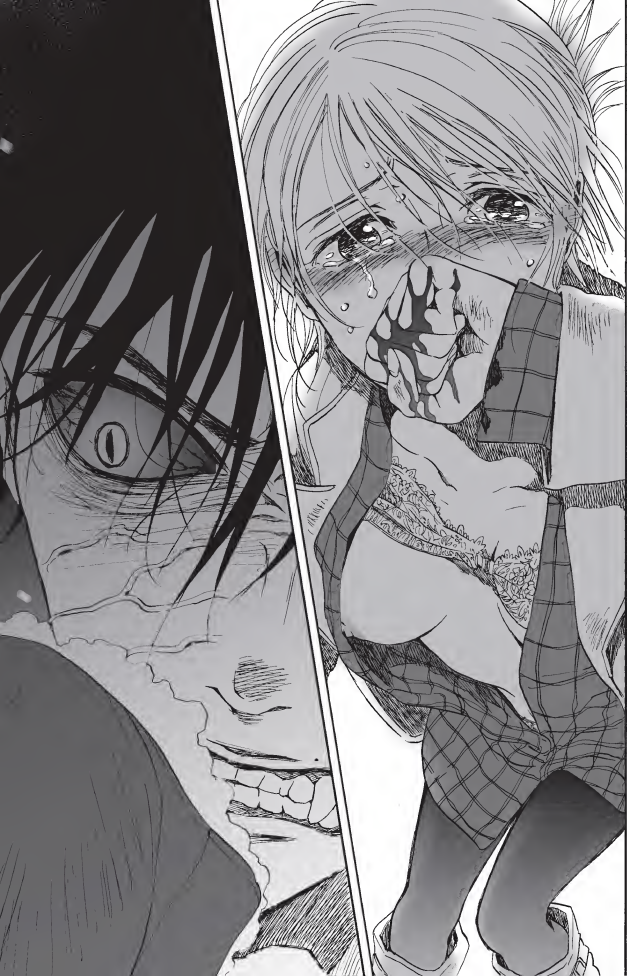
like
that
first
time...



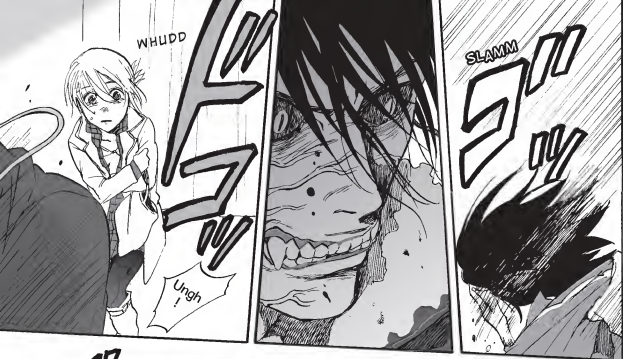


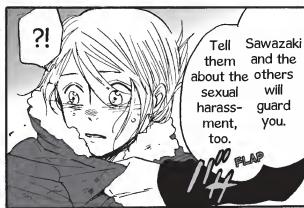


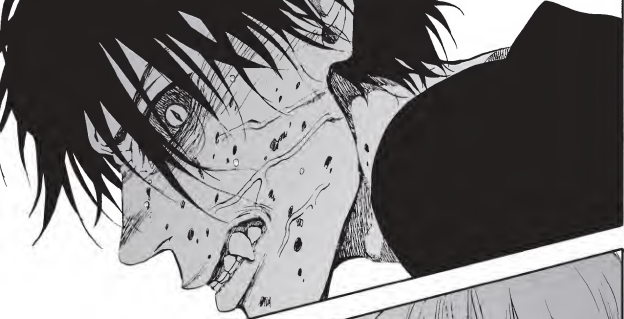












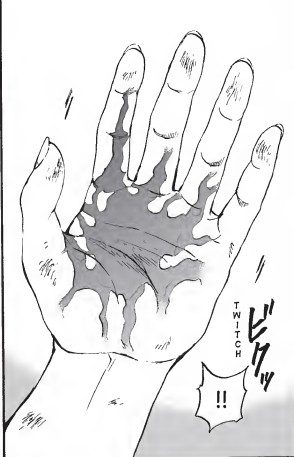
Don't
touch
me.





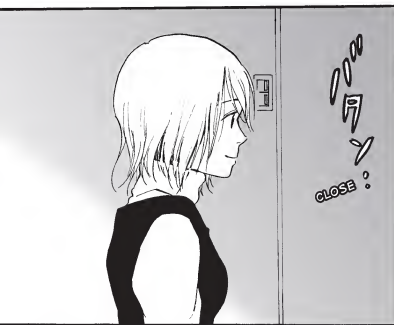
*My
mind is
hazy...*





*The
devil
has
taken
control.*







Well,
whatta
surprise to
get a call
from you!
Ha ha.

Ah, hello?
Mom?



Whoa,
you're so
busy. I get
suspicious!

I don't
have a
boyfriend,
Mom.

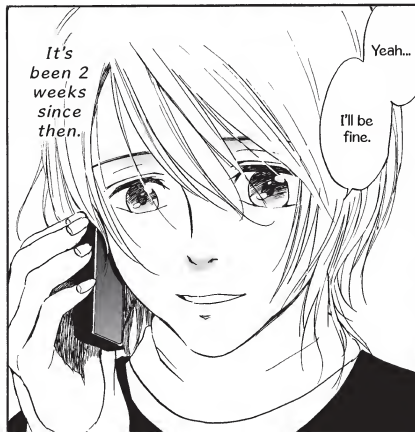
Oh! If
you want
to spend
New Year's
with your
boyfriend,
don't be
shy. Just
say so!



Hmm.

I
don't
know
yet...

Are you
coming
home
for New
Year's?



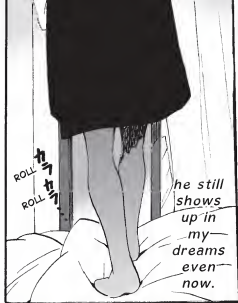
It's
been 2
weeks
since
then.

Yeah...

I'll be
fine.



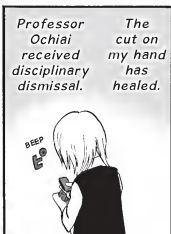
You gotta be
careful of boys,
you know!
Sometimes a
wolf is hiding
behind a
lamb's face.



he still shows
up in
my
dreams
even
now.



But...



Professor
Ochiai
received
disciplinary
dismissal.

The
cut on
my hand
has
healed.



I did
what I
could...
But...

I'm
afraid
to go to
sleep.



Brr.



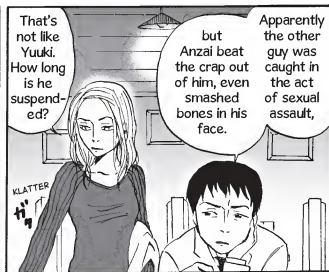
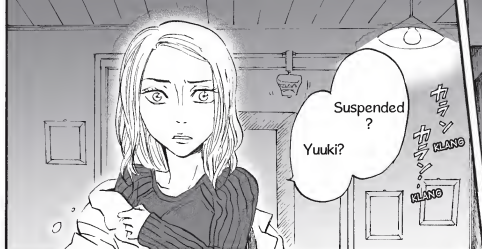
SHIVER

3"



What if
Anzai
never
comes
back?

I
wonder
what he's
up to
now.





Devils
and
humans
are free
to love
who they
want,
but...

Which
is why
I'm
wondering
...

Why
would that
Anzai get so
worked up
like that?

Or
maybe
she's
gone
out...

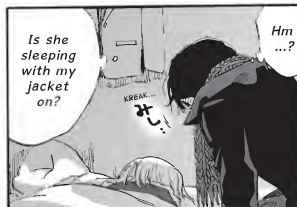
She
might
already
be
asleep.

"Devils
and
humans
should
live
apart."
That's
been his
creed
for years
now.

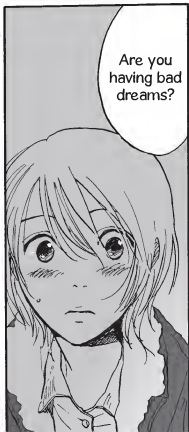
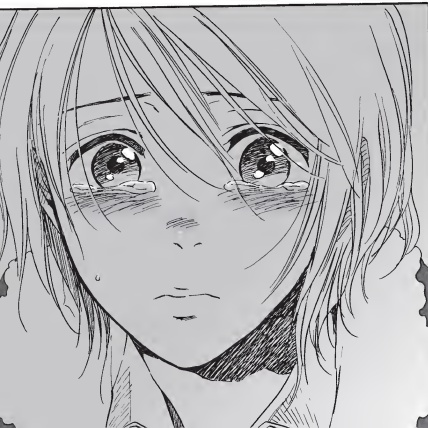


DEAR
ANZAI
MERRY
X'MAS!
TAKE CARE
TSUKASA (u)

Why







*while
pretending
to be a
hero of
justice.*

Anytime.

Yeah...
When?

Still
want
to?

We
didn't get
to do the
hot-pot.

*I
carry
this
horrible
devil
inside
me,*

Yay...
Za
Pa
F

A
present.

I'll
give you
something,
too.

I'm
filthy.










This just in:



A waitress at a Hazama-cho restaurant was found stabbed to death.

A man who worked in the same restaurant has gone missing.



And Sakaki's hosting his usual New Year's Eve party at the bar.



Almost time for your physical.

I want to see you in the New Year.



It's Yanagi.
How've you been?

The police believe he may have information about the situation...

but you
singletons
should
make an
appearance.

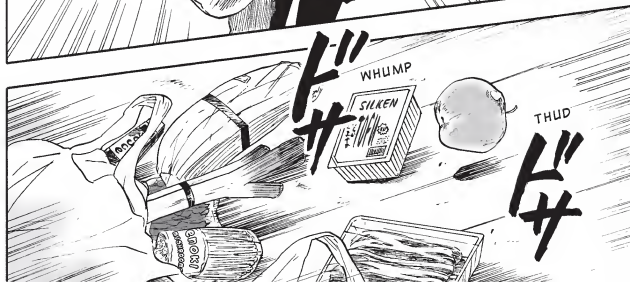
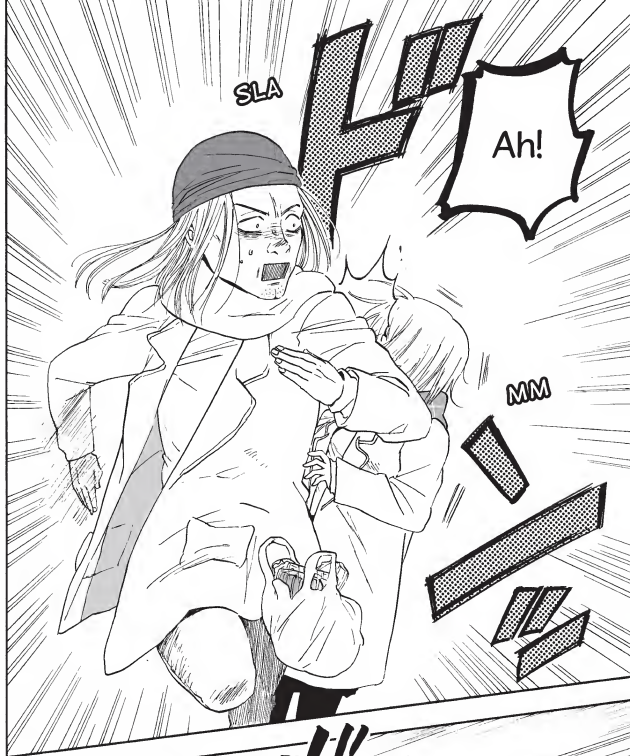
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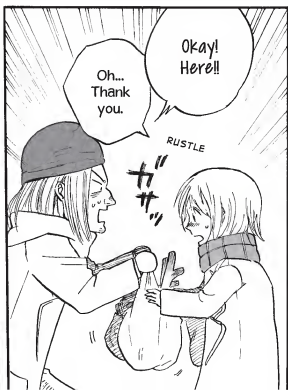
I got a wife
and kids,
so I can't go.

Go
check it
out if
you feel
like it.

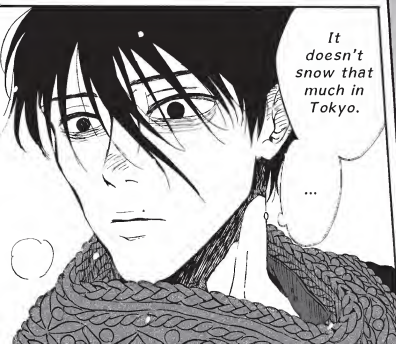
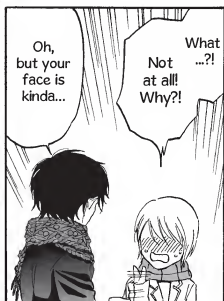
Line 4
Paradox













in the
stabbing
incident in
Hazama-cho
has still not
been found.

The
man who
disap-
peared

*What is
this...?*

*I just felt
like I was on
the verge of
remembering
something...*



Uhm,
yeah...
North
of
Obi-
hiro.

According
to the
manager
...

You're
from
Hokkaido
?



I don't
go back
home.



What
about
you?
I'm
fine.

For
New
Year's
!

Shouldn't
you go
home?!

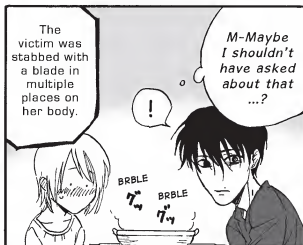
Wow...
Nice.





The direct cause of death was deemed to be blood loss.

Might be the work of a devil.



The victim was stabbed with a blade in multiple places on her body.

M-Maybe I shouldn't have asked about that ...?

!

BRBLE

BRBLE



Not always, but...

Oh. So missing means on the run?



But if he's on the run and a devil, then he may have come to this area.

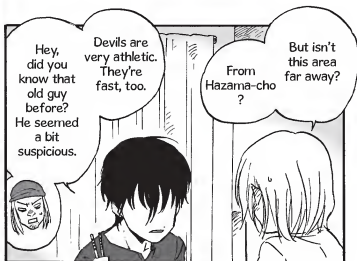


There's a trend where vampires damage the body to hide the fact that they drank the blood.

The missing man is a little suspicious.



I-I didn't know him, but he seemed nice.



Hey, did you know that old guy before? He seemed a bit suspicious.

Devils are very athletic. They're fast, too.

From Hazama-cho?

But isn't this area far away?



Ah! But his face was kind of vampire-like...

So that makes him a nice person?!

THAT MAKES HIM EXTRA DANGEROUS!

B-But he picked up the vegetables for me...

You are way too trusting!



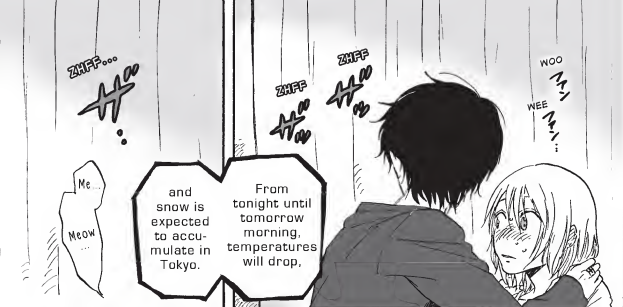
So I thought maybe he isn't drinking blood...

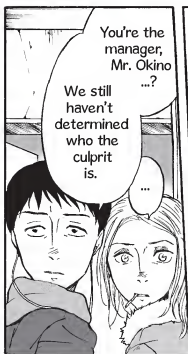


He wasn't. He had bags under his eyes.

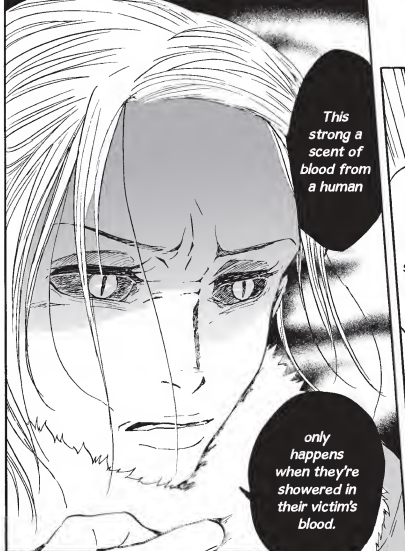












This strong a scent of blood from a human

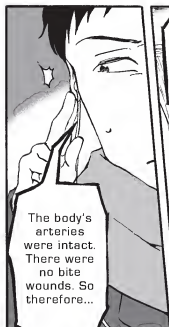
only happens when they're showered in their victim's blood.



What...? That's bullshit!!

You don't know anything—

I have a better sense of smell than most people.



The body's arteries were intact. There were no bite wounds. So therefore...



Senior Officer Sawazaki, the results of the autopsy are back.

BZZT
BZZT

Y-You're a devil ...





Sawa-
zaki?

What
is it?
I'm
busy.

Hello
?

TRILL
70 70 70
70 70 70
70 70 70

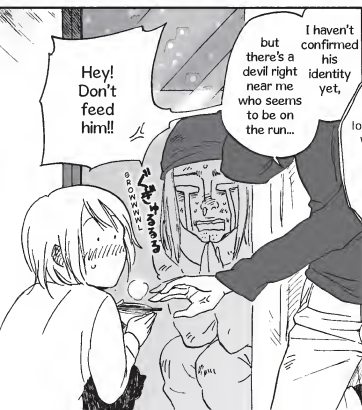
this
crime was
committed
by a
human.



Are you
pursuing a
devil right
now?

Huh?
The
suspect
in the
Hazama-cho
case...

Looks
like
he was
framed.



Hey!
Don't
feed
him!!

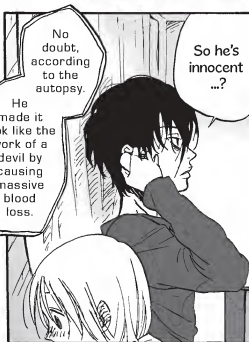
but
there's a
devil right
near me
who seems
to be on
the run...

I haven't
confirmed
his
identity
yet,

No
doubt,
according
to the
autopsy.

He
made it
look like the
work of a
devil by
causing
massive
blood
loss.

So he's
innocent
...?





You catch that?

Yeah. That's definitely the guy.



Real name in full.

Name and age?

Ryunosuke Katagiri!
Age 36!!

O-Oryo.



Those bags under his eyes...
Is your boyfriend a devil, too?

We'll need to get a statement from him.

I'll send a car.
Where are you?

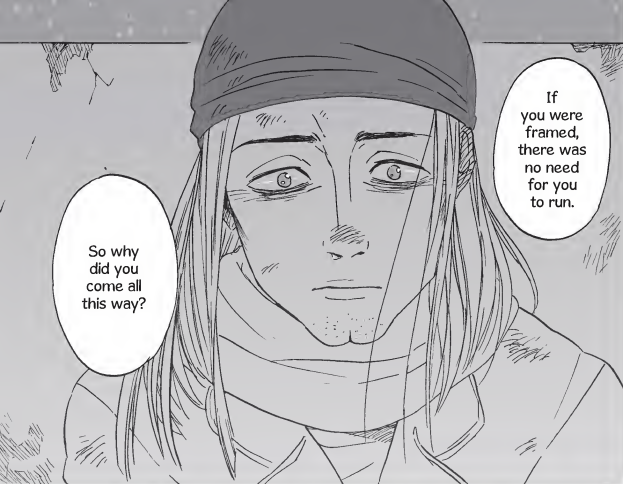


I want to ask you one thing.



That got a reaction?!
So he's not your boyfriend?! But you're together on New Year's Eve?!

B-Boy-friend?!
N-No...!!!



So why did you come all this way?

If you were framed, there was no need for you to run.



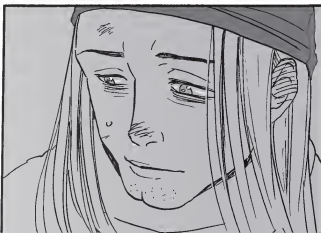
Devils are faster than humans, too.

I half-killed someone in a fight once.



Answer honestly, and you can have some stew.

...





*Punched
a man and
made him
bleed...?*

So
I made up
my mind.



I won't
hurt
humans.

And if it
looks like
I might,
I leave
right
away.

...



I
punched a
man and
made him
bleed.

And
that urge
came up
then...

I...

I
lost control
and drank the
blood of this
man that I
hated.

*Minami,
as long
as I've
got you
on my
side...*

The
victim
was a
nice
girl...

She
was the
only one in
that place
who treated
me like a
human
being...

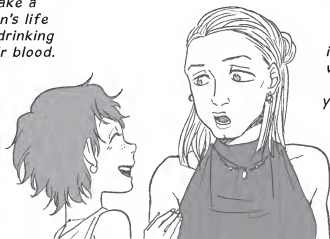
I won't
become a
devil...

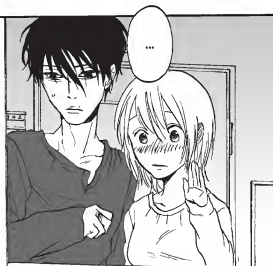
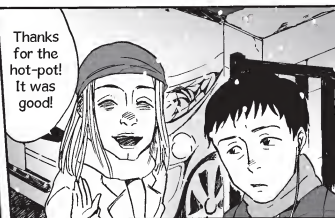
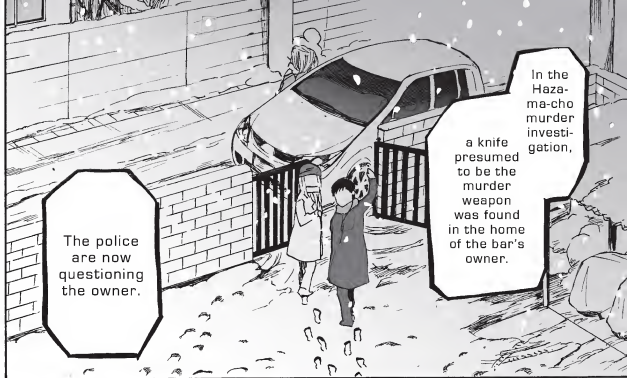
*I would
take a
man's life
by drinking
their blood.*

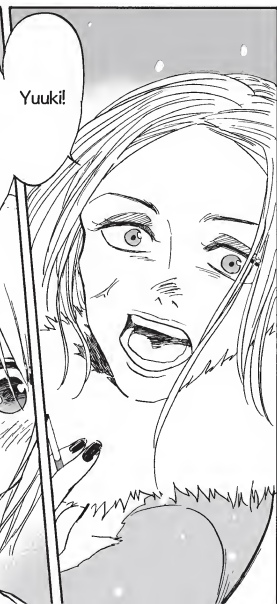
*But to
tell the
truth,
Minami...*

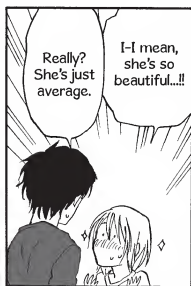
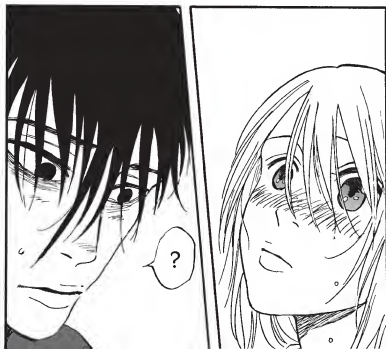
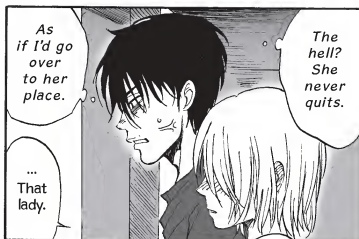
*if it
was
for
you...*

This
just in:











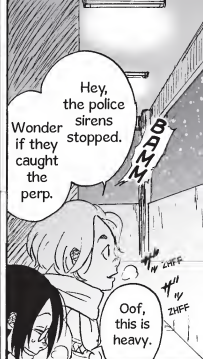


These stairs are killing me! You bought way too much liquor.

Some of that is yours!

I don't drink wine.

HA HA HA HA



Hey, the police sirens stopped. Wonder if they caught the perp.

Oof, this is heavy.



Fwaaah!

What exactly are you doing?!

PHAAAA

ふわわ



You okay...?

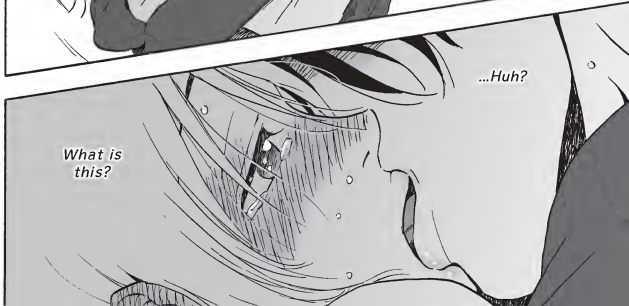
...



Sorry ...

I just feel so pathetic ...





Even though I'm totally not good enough for Anzai...

This is what always happens in my dreams.

I really am pathetic.

I've had this dream so many times.

You're acting like a figure skater...

THA BAGER
KOFF
KOFF
Hiss
Hiss

Sorry...
er,
hey!

Hng ...

KOFF
KOFF
KOFF

EASP

An...
zai...

THA BAGER
KOFF
KOFF
Hiss
Hiss



I should have put her to bed.

Her face is redder than before.

Hey, can you walk...?

TOTTER...

Mm...



But I let it go until it got this bad...

I'm the pathetic one.

I thought she seemed off from the start.



Hokkaido ...

There's a big crowd on the observation deck here, waiting for the countdown to start.

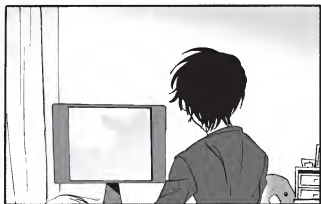
I'm at the SR Tower in front of Sapporo Station.

And what's the situation over there?



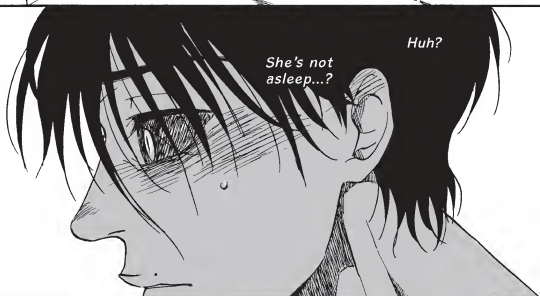
SHFF

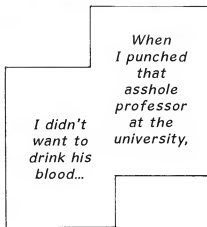
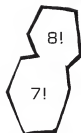




Come
with
me...?









That's the
beginning
of a year
of blood.

Nice
shot.

First
one.

Hit.



Zero
Seven.

Let's
keep it
up and
slaughter
all the
devils.

We'll
make
this
year go
down in
history,

Boobs

C
cup?

Well, for how
short you are,
you do fill a
sweater, eh?

GASP

!!

!!

SPIRT





You saw blood yet didn't transform,

which means the dead guy's not human either?

Listen, at least be nice and ask if I'm okay ㄟ

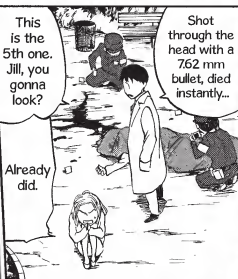
Aah, there, there.

This is the 5th one. Jill, you gonna look?

Already did.

Shot through the head with a 7.62 mm bullet, died instantly...

Again...?

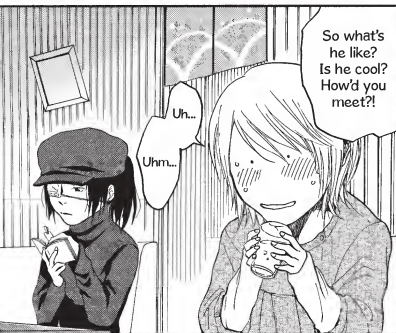
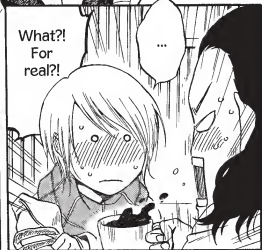


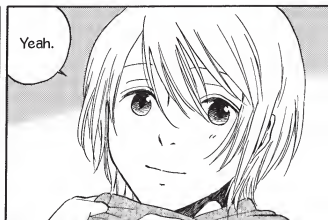


Line 5

Head Shot

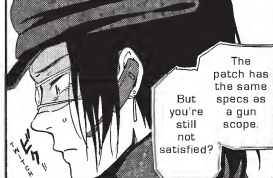




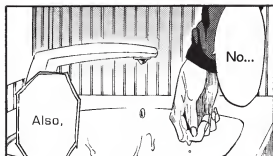








The patch has the same specs as a gun scope. But you're still not satisfied?



Also,

No...



Zero Seven.
Zero Nine has full confidence in that eye patch he made for you.

You can pick out prey even in sunlight.



Our objective is zero devils.

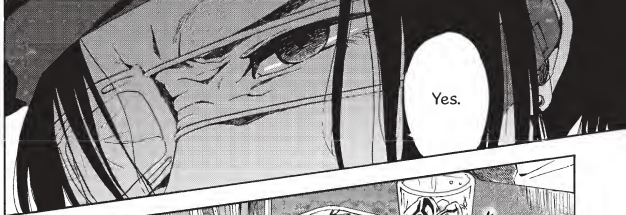
We're going to create a normal world that only has humans, right?



there's a press black-out on this info,

but there's already rumors underground that only devils are getting shot.

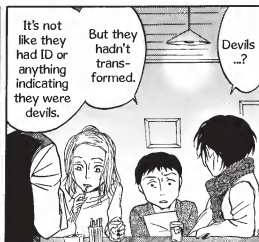
If they start to avoid going out at night, we won't get the chance to shoot them.





And yet five out of five were really devils. It can't be a coincidence.

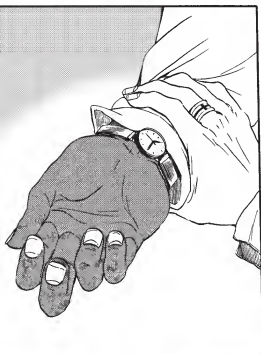
At the time of the crime, they looked just like humans.



It's not like they had ID or anything indicating they were devils.

But they hadn't transformed.

Devils ...?



Assuming as much, how did the shooter know?

That information is confidential.

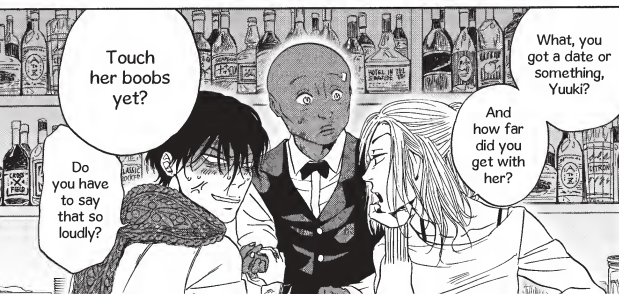
So you're saying they were killed because they were devils?



and maybe some people on a devil dating site or something.

city halls, insurance companies, hospitals, the police,

Those who have that information are

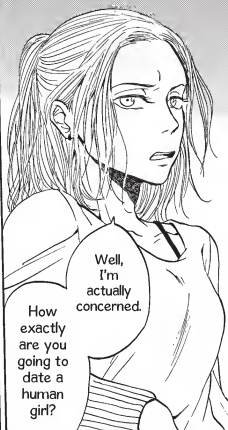


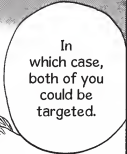
Touch her boobs yet?

Do you have to say that so loudly?

What, you got a date or something, Yuuki?

And how far did you get with her?





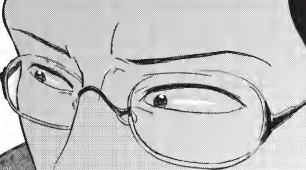


shouldn't get so easily swept into drug addiction after an accidental taste of blood.

Still, a straight-edge guy who's made it to this age without transforming



needs
eling.



But I'd rather not report this to the higher-ups.

Ah! Maybe you could screw your girlfriend with Yanagi watching?!

So there'll be fewer pure-blooded devils.

And now sex between humans and devils is legal.

That's the percentage of the domestic population... About 1,000 in the city.

A threatened or endangered species.

So
there'll
be fewer
pure-
blooded
devils.

And
now sex
between
humans
and devils
is legal.

A
threat-
ened or
endangered
species.

That's the percentage of the domestic population... About 1,000 in the city.

Uhm...

0.01%,
was it,
Sawazaki
?

But the devil register...
What exactly is the devil population to start with?

*That
can't be
a coinci-
dence.*

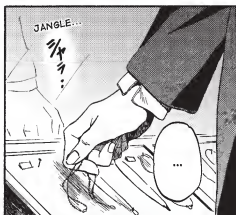
yet five
have been
killed by
the same
method in
the last
two weeks.

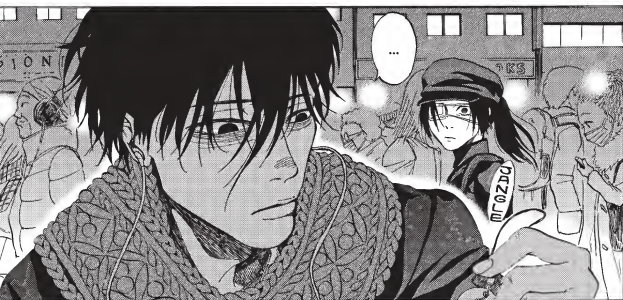
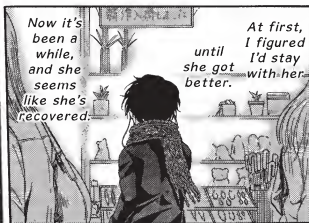
Only
one in
10,000
is a
devil.

Get your
mind out
of the
gutter!!

Quit
fighting
II

0.01%
of the
popula-
tion.







Stop it,
Mommy.

Vampires
are
creepy.



We
don't
need
him...

You
already
have me,
Mommy!

I don't
want a
vampire
for a
dad!

No!

Don't
say that,
Nanako.

I
really
like
him.



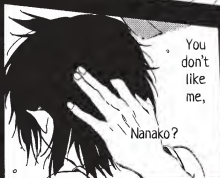


he
says
he
likes
kids.

He's
someone
I know
from
work.
He's
pretty
handsome,
hm?
And...

Nanako,

this is
~~2000~~



You
don't
like
me,
Nanako?

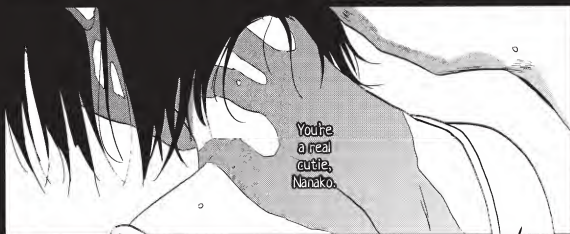


You smell
good,
Nanako.



Oh, can
you?
Thanks.

Sayuri,
how about
I do that?



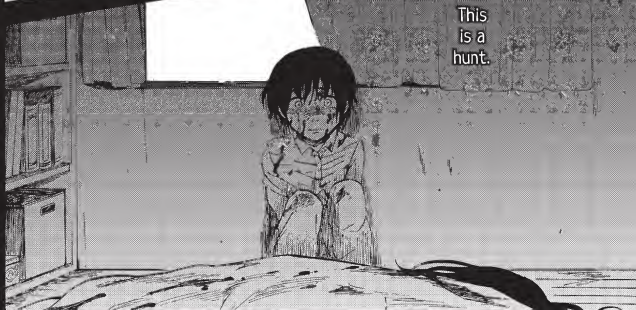
You're
a real
cutie,
Nanako.



Aim for
the head,
Nanako.

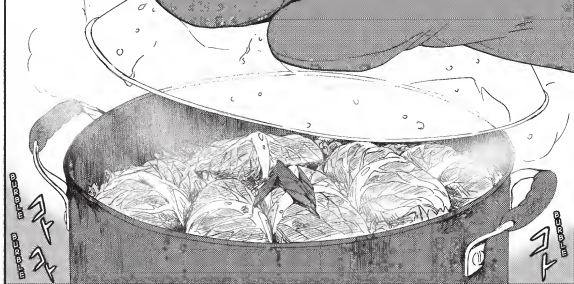
Survival
of the
fittest.

This
is a
hunt.





Devils
won't die
unless
you shoot
them in
the head.



Are
you sure
you
can trust
him?!



Wait.
"Should
be home"
?

That's
a weird
way to
put it.

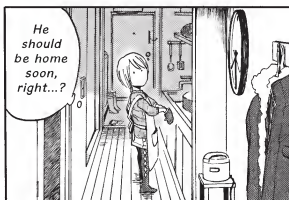
EEK



Cheese-
stuffed
cabbage
rolls.

Nice
idea,
if I do
say so
myself.

Looks
good.



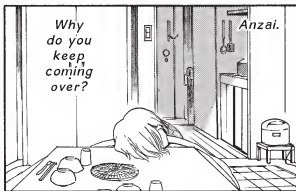
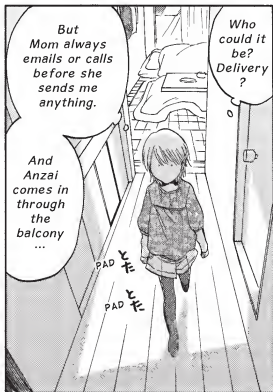
He
should
be home
soon,
right...?



You
haven't had
the slightest
interest in
romance
before now...!

I'm just
worried!!

That's not
what I'm
saying.





CHAK
CHAK
CHAK

Some days
I feel
like it...

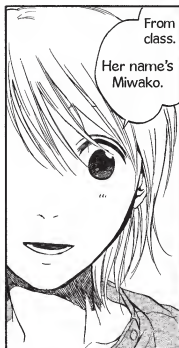


B-
But
why
are you
using the
door?

CLOSE



Did
you
go out
today?



From
class.
Her name's
Miwako.



A
friend?



Is that
how you
greet
me
?!

Er,
whaaat
?!

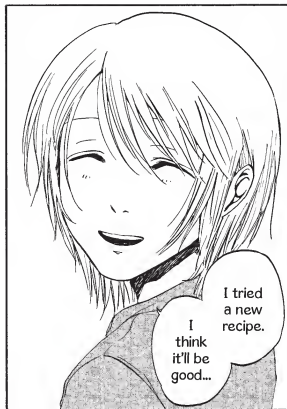
YIKES!!

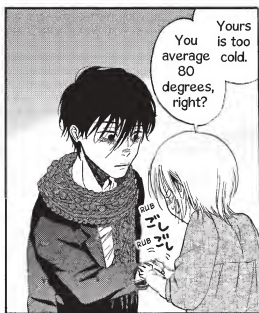
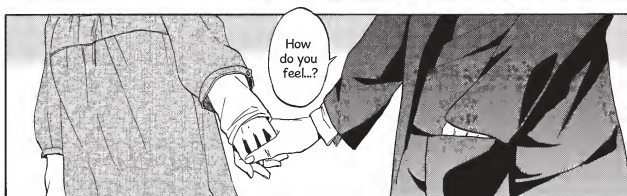
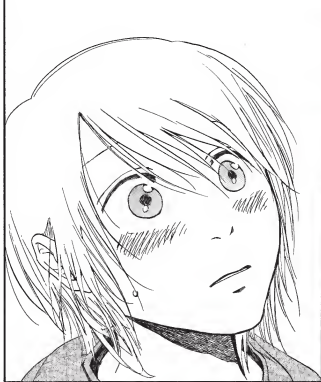


You're
wearing
tights, so it
looks like
you went
out...

Yeah.
I went
to see a
friend—
Wait,
how
did you
know?!

Amazing!

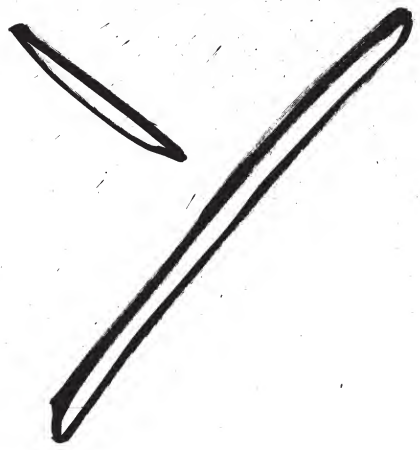


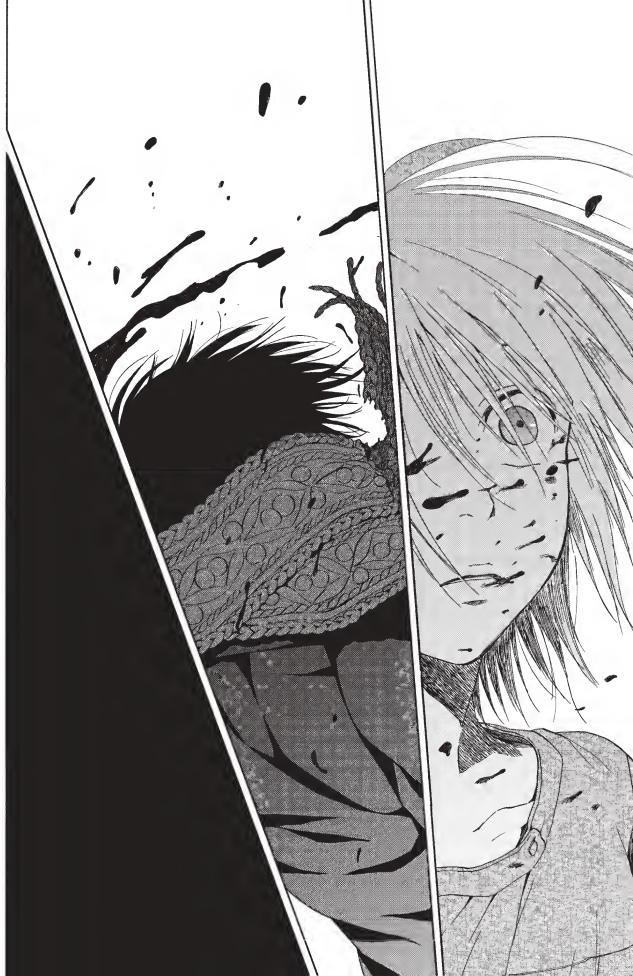


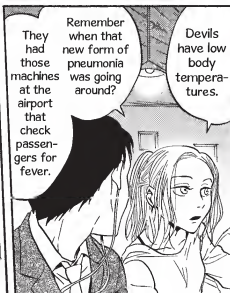
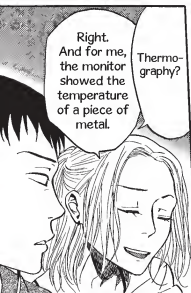
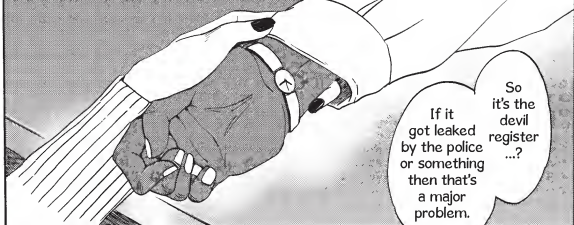


BANG

Huh?









Next
time it's
the head,
monster.



Missed
...

SHIT.



Die.



Toshiro Sakaki

The owner of Bar Sakaki, he also manages a real estate business in the same building. He runs the bar for fun, so he closes up whenever he pleases, and uses it to entertain Anzai and the others. His mother is American, his father is Japanese. He came up with the nickname Sat using the first letters of his name, but it was easily confused with the SAT so it was nixed.

*It's
hot.*

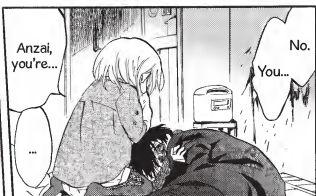


Why?

Anzai...



Line 6
M-onster





Don't
cry...

I'm
okay.



No... More
importantly,
why was I
targeted?

It can't
be just
because
I'm a
devil...



Get
your
head
down.

I'm
calling
Sawa-
zaki.



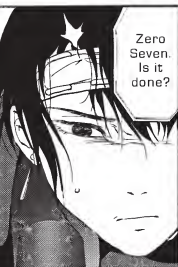
How
long
have
they
been
targeting
me?

Where's
the
sniper?



Not
that I
don't

under-
stand...
huh.



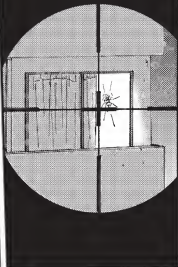
Zero
Seven.
Is it
done?



Some-
one was
beside
the
target.

Human
?

*Got in
the way.
Makes it
hard to
shoot.*



You're not
wearing the
thermography
lens?

Don't
talk
to me.

Makes
it hard
to pick
him out.



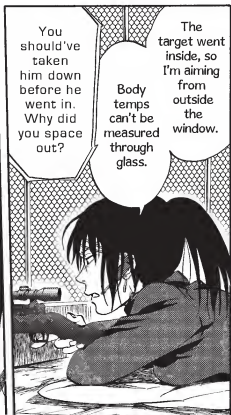
You

take your
time when
the target is
a young man
with black
hair.



I
wonder.

The
timing
just wasn't
right ...



You
should've
taken
him down
before he
went in.
Why did
you space
out?

Body
temps
can't be
measured
through
glass.

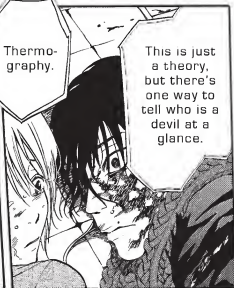
The
target went
inside, so
I'm aiming
from
outside
the window.





Body temp
...?

Thermo-
graphy.

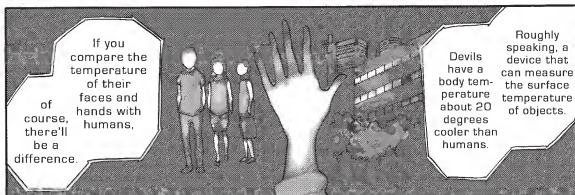


This is just
a theory,
but there's
one way to
tell who is a
devil at a
glance.



Listen
up,
Anzai.

You
gotta be
kidding
me! Why
do I have
to be on
stand-by
?

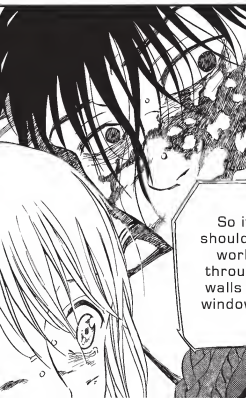


of
course,
there'll
be a
difference.

If you
compare the
temperature
of their
faces and
hands with
humans,

Roughly
speaking, a
device that
can measure
the surface
temperature
of objects.

Devils
have a
body tem-
perature
about 20
degrees
cooler than
humans.



So it
shouldn't
work
through
walls or
windows.



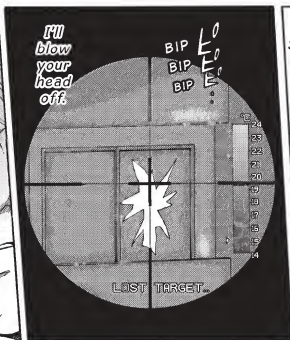
it only
measures
the surface
temperature.

But
like I
said,



So I
stood
out like
a sore
thumb...







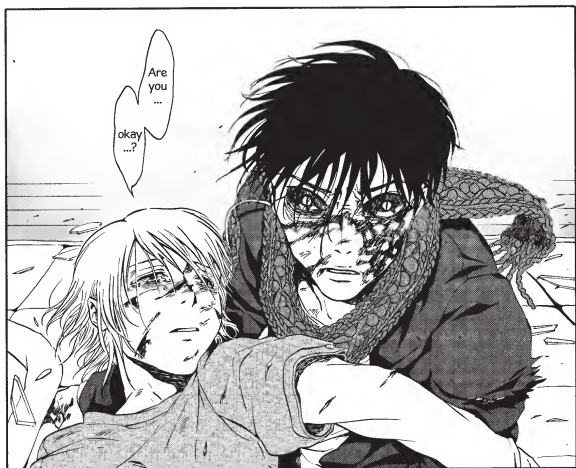
Hey !!

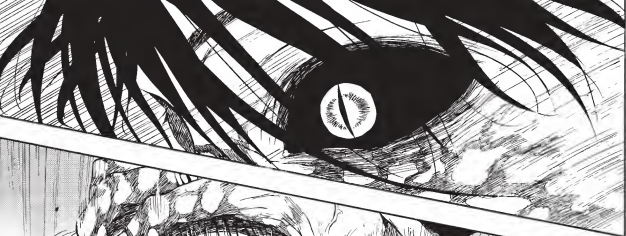


Hey!

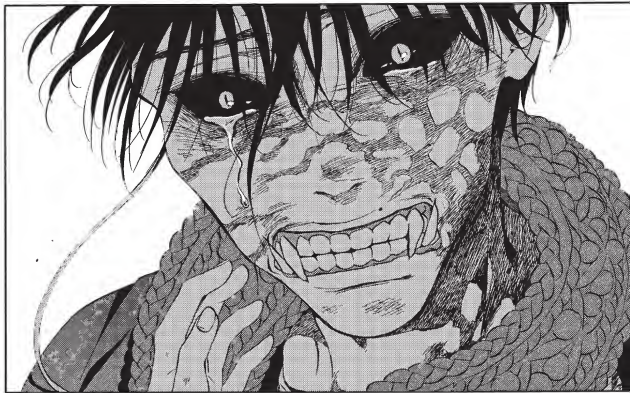
What was that ?!



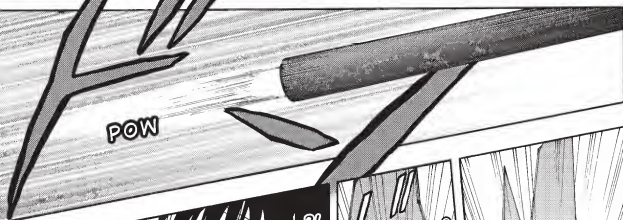
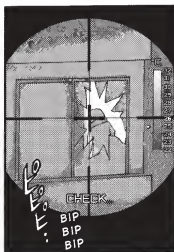


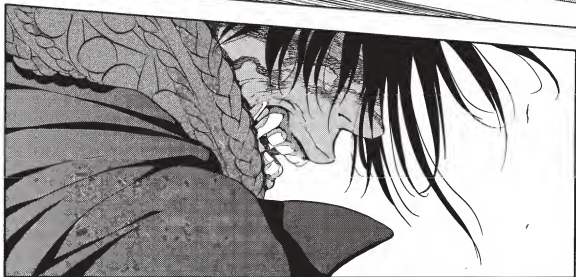


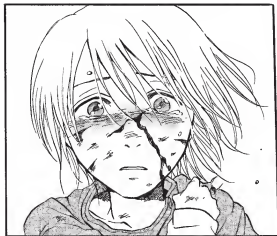
R
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
R
G
H



*I like
you.*

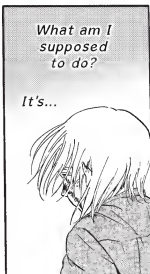








my
fault...



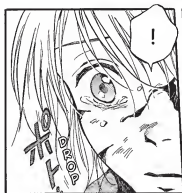
What am I
supposed
to do?

It's...



WHOO...

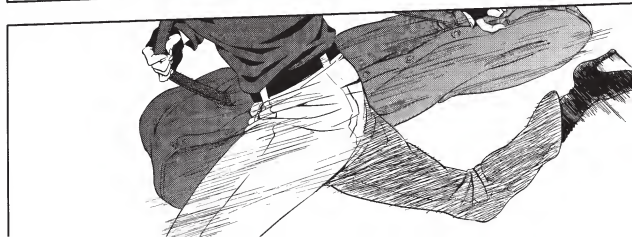
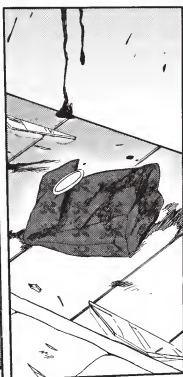
He
was
crying...

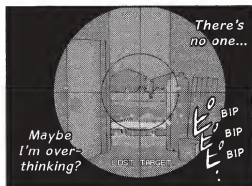
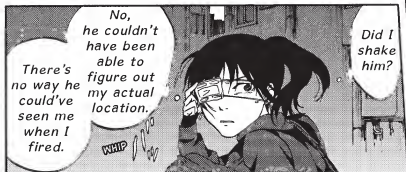


Huh?
What's
this...?

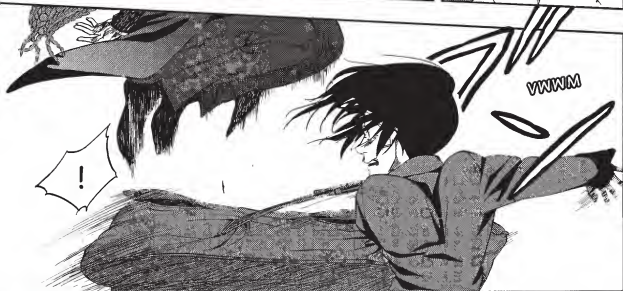
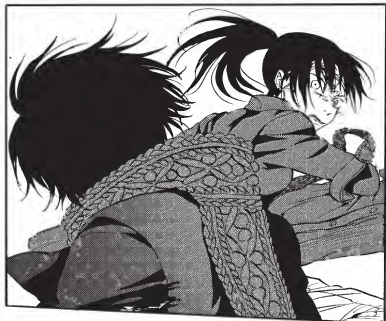


A belated Merry
Christmas.

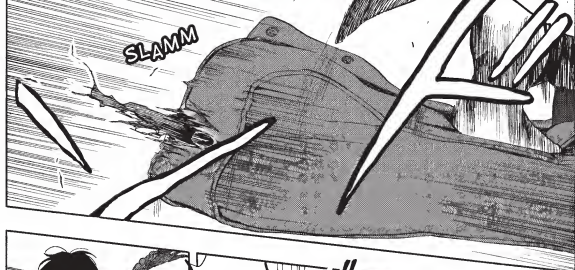






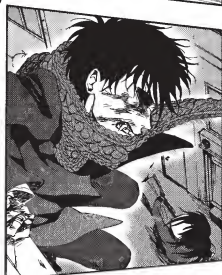






You're
the
ones

who
are
killers
!



*That's
how my
mother
died!!*



and
wait for
your
chance
to drink
blood...



You
feign
kindness
to get
close,





And
yours is
warm.



I-It's
cold!



C'mere.







But you
gotta
aim
for the
head.

I can't
believe
you
got a
gun.



An
injury
like
this?
If
I just
have a
little
blood—

If...

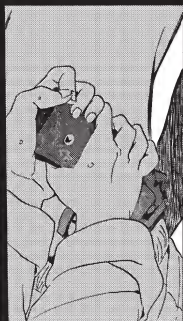
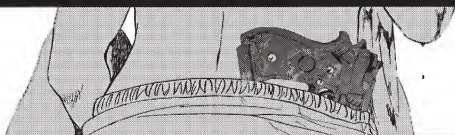


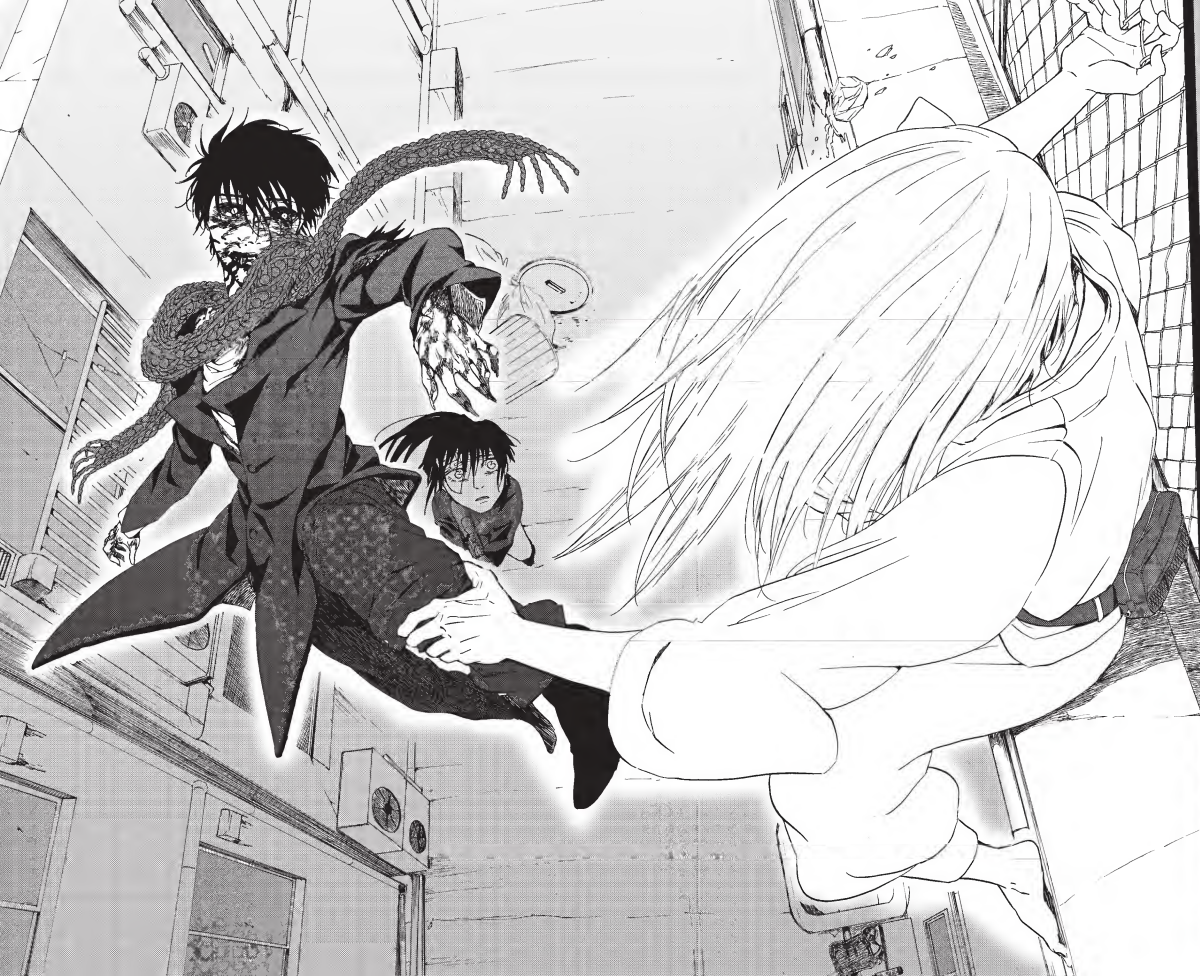
That's
why
I'm
killing
devils.
So no
one

ever
gets
killed
again!!

If
there
were no
devils,
she
would
still be
alive!







hate
all of
you.



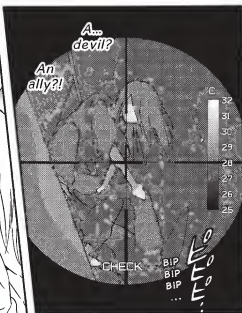
KOFF

I was watching because things seemed interesting.

Who...?

You're surprisingly weak.

You a civilian?



Nothing
works
like
human
blood,
after
all.

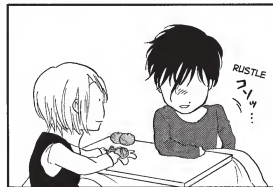
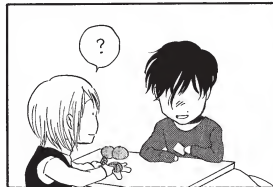
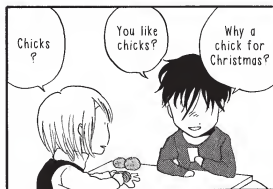
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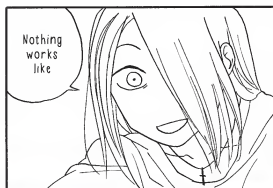
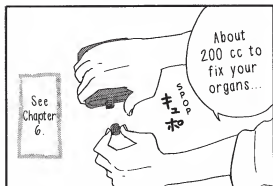
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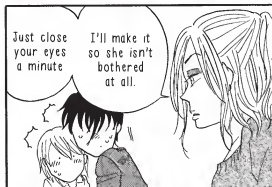
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FAIRLY DIFFICULT



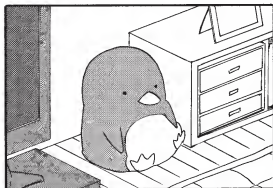
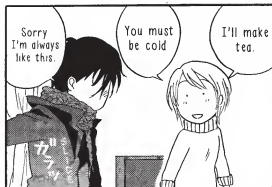
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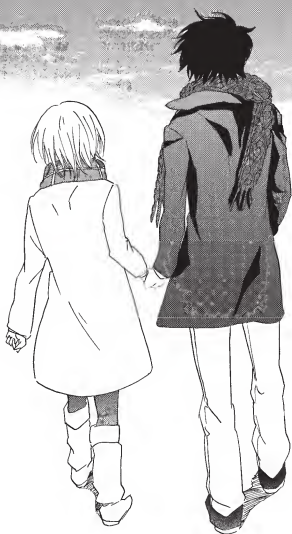


IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?



CAN'T TAKE IT OFF





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